

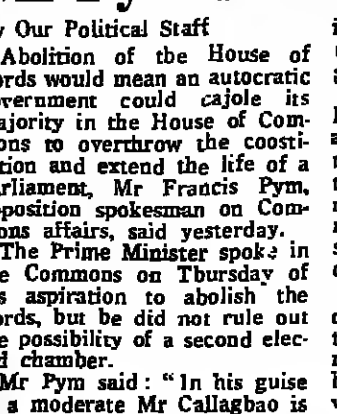








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"The Lords has exercised its limited powers with restraint and responsibility and is more respected by the public today than ever before, perhaps even more respected than the Commons. But Labour will never be satisfied until they have murdered it."

He advocated reform instead of destruction and suggested that the Lords should seek a possible agreement between parties as to the best way forward.

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night Dr Mario Soares, recently dismissed as Prime Minister after the breakdown of his governing coalition, strongly opposed any idea of a "presidential government".

He was on good terms with President Eanes, but such a theory of Government was dangerous and abnormal in a democracy.

President Eanes, a military man, is also Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces. Dr Soares said he had confidence in President Eanes as a man, but felt the President must be protected from a situation in which broad new powers were put into his hands.

President Eanes is once more receiving spokesmen for the parliamentary political parties to hear their reactions to his proposals for solving the political crisis. It is believed he may extend beyond Sunday his deadline for party decisions on a new government.

Ausserberg, Switzerland, Aug. 4.—Two Swiss mountaineers have made the first known ascent of the 9,250ft Jaegiborn mountain in the Swiss Alps.

Guides said the two men conquered the sheer east face, which had frightened off most climbers, since two experienced mountaineers fell to their deaths there 20 years ago.

"Wanted a Prime Minister. Must be a democrat and competent, with or without experience, and have done his military service. Position demands good contacts and support of the political parties even of different brands. Very serious offer. Terms to be discussed. Immediate entry into Sao Bento on trial. Reply Belem Palace."

Sao Bento is the Prime Minister's official residence. Belem Palace is that of the President.

On the whole, however, the crisis is not a joking matter. Interviewed on television last

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Abolition of the House of Lords would mean an autocratic government could cajole its majority in the House of Commons to overthrow the constitution and extend the life of a Parliament, Mr Francis Pym, opposition spokesman on Commons affairs, said yesterday. "The Prime Minister's plan in the Commons on Thursday of his aspiration to abolish the Lords, but he did not rule out the possibility of a second elected chamber."

Mr Pym said: "In his guise as a moderate Mr Callaghan is

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## WEST EUROPE

Russian ILO official  
flown home as  
'Swiss security risk'From Alan McGregor  
Geneva, Aug 4

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) announced today that it had dismissed Mr. Grigoriy Miagkov, a senior Soviet official, aged 51, because the Swiss Government had demanded his expulsion from this country as a security risk.

The expulsion order was made on July 26 and Mr. Miagkov flew home to Moscow on Wednesday this week, according to an ILO spokesman. He said the Swiss had given no reason for their action. As far as the ILO was concerned, he was "very competent technically" as a railway expert.

The Swiss initiative appears to suggest that if, as some diplomats suspect, Mr. Miagkov is a Soviet intelligence officer, he may have crossed the frontier between his ILO work and activities in sensitive Swiss sectors.

The Swiss demand was made under Article 25 of the agreement between the ILO and the host Government, whereby the latter retains full right to "take precautions necessary for the security of Switzerland".

The article also obliges the ILO to collaborate with the authorities to avoid any prejudice to this security and to determine by mutual accord whatever measures are necessary.

According to biographical data supplied by the ILO, Mr. Miagkov was born in Penza, Russia, in 1927, is married, with a son aged 24 and a daughter, 18.

He was at the Railway Technical School, Saratov (1943-47), and at the Moscow Institute of Transport Engineers (1947-52). Later he went to the International Economics Faculty, Academy of Foreign Trade, Moscow (1954-67).

He joined the ILO in Cairo in 1968, at a time when the

organization was expanding its technical assistance programme for Egyptian railways.

The ILO said Miagkov had participated in seminars and travelled widely in East and West Africa and Europe.

The Soviet mission had been informed immediately of the expulsion demand and had been in touch with the Swiss authorities. It had decided there was nothing to reproach him with.

While the United Nations and the other specialized agencies located here have a similar agreement with the Swiss Government, this is as far as is known. The second time that Article 25 has been resorted to since the Second World War.

On the previous occasion, in 1977, a French national had to leave the country. There have, of course, been a number of instances of diplomats being declared *persona non grata*.

At the Palais des Nations, the word now is that Mr. Geli Dneprovski, a Russian for some years on the staff of the United Nations Secretariat, is expected to take up his post soon as a United Nations chief of personnel.

After allegations in press reports last month that he was a KGB officer, Dr. Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, said the organization would examine the matter.

This has now been done. Officials say his work performance in the organization has been satisfactory and that there is no measure prejudicial to a staff member's prospects can be initiated on the basis of unsubstantiated press stories.

The Swiss authorities have not yet given their formal sanction for Mr. Dneprovski's installation here.

The American and British representatives at the United Nations in Geneva protested in June at his Geneva appointment.

Germans arrest  
neo-Nazi on  
terrorist chargeFrom Our Own Correspondent  
Bonn, Aug 4

A young neo-Nazi leader has been arrested on suspicion of heading a terrorist organization, Dr. Kurt Rehm, the Federal Prosecutor, said today.

Dr. Rehm said that the 23-year-old man, named as "verweigerer", was a member of a "verweigerer" organization. In November, 1977, to attack West German and NATO military installations, the Berlin Wall and the transit routes through East Germany to West Berlin. He is also accused of organizing robberies for money and ammunition.

A former Army first lieutenant, he was detained late last month after a clash between police and neo-Nazi youths who were holding a Hitler memorial celebration near Hamburg. A few days before his arrest, the counter-intelligence service reported that Nazi fanatics were turning to terrorism.

Hamburg art  
loot recovered

Hamburg, Aug 4.—Twenty-two paintings stolen at the weekend from Hamburg's Kunsthaus were recovered today in the flat of a tropical fish dealer, said police.

The paintings included a pastel by Degas, an oil painting by Renoir, and nineteenth-century works by Hamburg artists. The fish dealer who had been under surveillance for a time, was detained. Several other suspects were still being sought.—AP.

Christian Democrats decide  
to end Filbinger affairFrom Patricia Clough  
Bonn, Aug 4

National leaders of the Christian Democrats today intervened in the Filbinger affair after disclosures that the party had been misled yet again about the Baden-Württemberg Prime Minister's war-time activities.

The disclosure that Dr. Hans Filbinger, who is holding a naval magistrature, had participated in a fourth death sentence against a sailor, may prove the last straw for the party. The fact that he then obtained a reprieve for the man (who later died of pneumonia in a prison camp) may be of little help.

For months the Christian Democrats have stood by Dr. Filbinger while facts have gradually emerged which contradicted his own account of his activities as naval magistrate. Last week, Baden-Württemberg

Gypsy settlement  
burnt  
after killingFrom Our Correspondent  
Lisbon, Aug 4

Angry villagers burnt gypsy caravans and merchandise when a woman stabbed her son dead at Mogadouro, 170 miles north of Lisbon yesterday.

According to witnesses, Senhora Emilia Sampaio saw a gypsy youth snatch a length of cloth from her stall and pursued him. The youth's mother set upon Senhora Sampaio, kicking and punching her.

A relative rushed to her defence, as did the gypsy family in that of the thief. One of the gypsies emptied his revolver into Senhora Sampaio, killing her.

A battle ensued between gypsies and stalholders. The police arrived, but the gypsies fled and arrested the culprits.

In the meantime the inhabitants of the district set fire to all the gypsy caravans and possessions around the fair, resulting in damage reckoned at some £70,000.

Berlin woman  
jailed as spy

Berlin, Aug 4.—An East German court today imprisoned a Berlin woman, Mrs. Gertrude Langer, for seven years for spying for West Germany.

A second West German was jailed for five years for trying to help an East German flee to the West.—Reuters.

party leaders again gave him their support on the understanding that he was not involved in any more death sentences.

No discovery of yet another in the national archives prompted the Land parliamentary party whip to call a meeting for Monday.

Herr Helmut Kohl, the national party chairman, who is holidaying in Austria, telephoned senior Baden-Württemberg party members and Herr Heiner Geissler, the national party secretary, broke off his holiday to go to Stuttgart. He will attend the meeting on Monday.

No statements were made, but it appears that the national leaders feel the affair can go on no longer. Herr Gerhard Goll, the Baden-Württemberg governor's spokesman, said today, however, that Dr. Filbinger had no intention of resigning.

10,000 flee gas  
cloud from  
Italian factory

Manfredonia, Aug 4.—More than 10,000 people fled this southern Italian city in panic last night after a cloud of pungent ammonia gas escaped from the state-owned Anic chemical factory.

Almost a sixth of the population packed into cars and fled to Adriatic beaches where they camped all night. The move caused traffic jams.

Factory officials said that the gas posed no danger to humans. City staff said the panic was increased by the memory of an accident two years ago when a cloud of arsenic leaked from the same factory, poisoning vegetables and killing animals.—Reuters.

Aquamar firm  
complains to  
EEC commission

Brussels, Aug 4.—The owners of the floating supermarket Aquamar said today they will complain to the EEC Commission against the Belgian Finance Ministry.

Mr. Frank Shaw, general manager of Channel Cruise Line, said the Commission would probably refer the dispute to the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg.

The outcome could be the end of all duty-free sales in the EEC. The Aquamar's daily run between Ostend and Dunkirk ended after only eight days last Tuesday because it was charged by Belgian and French customs with the attraction of duty-free goods on board.

## OVERSEAS

Mr Sadat to  
press for  
US peace  
proposalsFrom Christopher Walker  
Cairo, Aug 4

When Mr. Vance, the American Secretary of State, arrives in the summer resort of Alexandria on Monday, it is understood that he will be carrying another message to President Sadat from President Carter.

In advance of his arrival, a Government source here has spelled out the four principles on which it is said that Egypt will base its attitude on Middle East peace negotiations.

There is no sign of a change in Cairo's new hard line on direct negotiations with Israel. The principles are:

1. "Egypt is willing to listen to any new proposals by Mr. Vance concerning the negotiations on condition that they represent a clear basis for further talks."

2. "Meetings are not an objective in themselves, but serve as a means to achieve peace, so certain principles should be established prior to resumption of contact with the aim of achieving peace."

3. "Israel should give up its preconditions concerning refusal to withdraw from occupied territories and should accept that Security Council Resolution 242 applies to the West Bank of the Jordan and the Gaza Strip."

4. "Israel's proposal to consider sovereignty in the West Bank and Gaza after a transitional period is a deceptive manoeuvre. Israel is not entitled to consider the issue of sovereignty. There is no such issue. Only the Palestinians have the right to sovereignty in this area."

President Sadat will be putting pressure on the Americans to make written peace proposals of their own.

In both Western and Arab diplomatic circles there is a belief that the next few days could hold the key to the future of President Sadat's eighth-month peace initiative.

Egyptian officials maintain that the Middle East could be entering a dangerous time if American pressure is not exerted on the Israelis for some compromise over occupied Arab lands.

President Sadat will be entering his meetings with Mr. Vance with the apparent support of Saudi Arabia for his latest position.

This was obtained during a visit to Alexandria earlier this week by Crown Prince Fahd, who on the same journey also visited Jordan, Syria and Iraq, leading to speculation that a limited Arab summit may be called within the next few weeks.

It is even being suggested that Saudi mediation could lead to a reconciliation between President Sadat and President Assad of Syria, if Egypt abandons its peace initiative.

Personal attack: Cairo denounced Mr. Begin today as a "racist dictator" and a political schizophrenic. It was one of the harshest personal attacks on the Israeli leader since Egyptian negotiations with Israel collapsed last January.

Recalling Mr. Begin's record as a terrorist leader, before the creation of Israel in 1948, the radio said: "When a racist dictator like Begin jumps to the seat of power, he must revise all his terrorist policies and practices of force." But Mr. Begin's conduct as Prime Minister shows that he has not been the case, it said.—UPI.

Fighter deal: Al Ahram reported today that Egypt and the United States have now officially signed the Egyptian section of the controversial arms sale that passed through Congress earlier this summer and will give Egypt 50 American F-16 fighters.

Under the contract, signed in Cairo yesterday, Egypt will receive the first 10 aircraft by the end of this year, some of them two-seaters for training.

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Christians vow to maintain  
control in south Lebanon

Metullah, Israel, Aug 4.—Christian militias in southern Lebanon today vowed over to allow into the area government regular troops set to restore sovereignty, Israeli officials at the border today said today.

The commander of the militias, Major Saad Haddad, yesterday ordered them to stop shooting at the regular forces, though he had earlier said his men would fight to prevent the 700-strong force from moving through Christian villages to take up positions near the Israeli frontier.

Major Haddad had inconclusive talks today on a compromise with Israeli and United Nations officials. They met at an Israeli military base. Major Haddad asked his followers if they would agree to let the Lebanese regular force through their enclave. "No we shall never let them through," the militia men, carrying rifles, shouted in reply.

The reformed fighting force, which had been in the hands of the Lebanese regular force, was being retrained by the Syrian Foreign Minister—Agence France-Presse and UPI.

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Ousted Air Force chief had plan for return of democracy in Chile  
General Pinochet wields unlimited powerFrom Florencia Varas  
Santiago, Aug 4

With the expulsion from the Government of General Gustavo Leigh, the commander of the Air Force and member of the military junta, President Augusto Pinochet has obtained what he has been wanting since the coup of September 11, 1973: unlimited power.

Almost five years after having overthrown the Socialist Government of President Salvador Allende, General Pinochet has the following titles: President of the Republic, President of the Legislature, Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces and, by virtue of the Decree which he employed to dismiss General Leigh, he has control over the fate of the soldiers and civilians working with him.

At the time of the military coup General Pinochet was a little known officer whom President Allende thought to be on his side.

It was only during the night preceding the coup, that General Pinochet was invited to take part in a plan in which 11 senior naval and Air Force officers were involved. General Leigh was one of the 11. Those involved with the junta at the beginning said that while they were working out how the country should be governed, General Pinochet had no role in the coup of total power.

In an interview with me in 1975, General Leigh said that each demonstration of support for the junta was taken by General Pinochet as support for himself.

Early this year, he told me: "It is very hard for me to find myself compelled to take up this position which may seem disloyal but what can I do if



General Gustavo Leigh: "Risk of violence and civil war."

since 1973, I have been trying to make myself heard, but I failed completely."

The plebiscite called by President Pinochet at the beginning of the year was described by General Leigh as "the greatest offence committed against the democratic history of the people of Chile". He was in complete disagreement with the way in which President Pinochet, calling upon Chileans to defend the armed forces for having intervened in 1973 but if the return to democracy becomes indefinite, with either objectives or time limits established, we will lose all the prestige which we have gained."

For General Leigh, an improvement in Chile's image abroad could be obtained only through steps taken from within the country. "In Chile there is no political plan mapped out. If the Government were to an-

nounced such a plan and respect it, it would give us a breathing space although it is already on the late side, I believe that it is still necessary to have a programme for a return to democracy."

His programme envisages a four-year period of military rule and calls for a statute to regulate the existence of political parties; the restoration of electoral registers; a law to regulate free elections, and the drafting of a constitution which would be submitted to a plebiscite.

General Leigh also disagreed with the economic policy pursued by President Pinochet who has introduced a market economy. This, though slowing down the process of inflation, had done so at a high cost for the poor and divided the country into the very rich and the extremely poor, he said.

There is no doubt that President Pinochet now has complete control of the situation and the support of three members of his military junta.

Rhodes statue daubed with  
'yellow streak' tauntFrom Frederick Cleary  
Salisbury, Aug 4

The brass statue of Cecil John Rhodes outside the Rhodesian Prime Minister's office in central Salisbury has been daubed with yellow paint. Motorists driving to work down busy Jameson Avenue this morning saw a broad streak of yellow paint on the back of the 6ft 6in statue which stands on a stone plinth on a traffic island in the middle of the road.

Two swastikas were painted in red on the plinth, with the letters RRA between them. In the early 1950s a group of white extremists called the Rhodesian Republican Army launched a short-lived daubing campaign.

"Whites do all have a yellow streak" was painted round the statue, along with the words "Vote No." It is assumed that the "Vote No" slogan is a plea to the country's 80,000 white voters to reject a new majority rule constitution to the coming referendum. Police are investigating the incident.

Bishop Abel Muzorewa's United African National Council today described the United States House of Representatives vote as a "victory for reason". Mr. David Mukome, a party official, said that unlike the compromise stand taken by the Senate the previous week, the House vote was not influenced by the arguments of the African Union, the United Nations or even by President Carter.

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the security forces, Mr. Huntman Williams, a police reservist and former Rhodesian Currie Cup cricketer, has been killed by guerrillas.

The authorities stated that four more guerrillas and one collaborator had been shot dead, while guerrillas had murdered five African men and one woman. Three African men died in a crossfire initiated by guerrillas.

Father Dieter Scholtz, the second missionary expelled by the transitional Government, has left the country.

The Catholic Commission for justice and peace in Rhodesia, of which Father Scholtz was a member, had attracted the hostility of the white authorities by producing several booklets on allegations of atrocities committed against black civilians by white troops.

Guerrillas on guard: Guerrillas of the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu) have tightened up their security measures in the Chimurenga region of Mozambique, 50 miles from the Rhodesian border, following the Rhodesian air raid at the beginning of this week.

A group of journalists taken to Gondolwe saw a group of buildings, presented as a school, with the roof caved in and the walls pierced by rocket or shell fire. Local authorities claimed that a refugee camp at Gondolwe was also attacked by Rhodesian aircraft.

The raid is said to have left about 150 people dead, more than 100 injured, but within a few days life had returned to normal.—Agence France-Presse.

Londoo talks: Chief Chirau, a member of Rhodesia's Executive Council, today said that the 15-minute meeting with Dr. Devid Owen, the Foreign Secretary, was "an admirable stand" in not doing this, Mr. Nkomo said.

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Ghana releases  
opponents of  
ousted leader

Accra, Aug 4.—The ruling Supreme Military Council has freed 13 people, including Colonel George Myny, former Commander of Industries and Mr. Attoh Quashie, a leading politician, detained last year for an alleged attempt to overthrow General K. Acheampong's Government.

Also freed is Dr. Kwadwo Amoh, who was detained in July 1976, while distributing pamphlets calling for General Acheampong's resignation.

Since the new military Government under Lieutenant-General Akuffo deposed General Acheampong last month, several detainees have been released.

The new Government has also announced that it will allow all Ghanaians in self-imposed exile and professional men who left the country for one reason or another.—Reuters.

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Mr. Mandelson said it would have been inappropriate and unacceptable to allow the adoption of a communiqué phrased in those terms and purporting to embrace the view of British participants.

As a result of the British veto, the only communiqué issued by the debating centre will be a short note recording that meetings took place and expressing gratitude to the Cuban hosts.

Libyan leader's visit raises  
likelihood of Peking tiesFrom Our Own Correspondent  
Beijing, Aug 4

Major Jalloud, the Libyan Prime Minister, arrived in China unexpectedly today, and Arab diplomats said he would probably discuss the establishment of diplomatic relations between Tripoli and Peking. He and his 50-member party were greeted at Peking airport by Mr. Teng Hsiao-ping, the senior Deputy Prime Minister.

Libya has diplomatic ties with Taiwan, but a diplomatic source said it appeared there were no Libyan diplomats in Taipei.

Some Arabs believe the establishment of diplomatic relations would strengthen Chinese support for the Palestinian movement. Peking supports the Palestinian cause but has referred favourably to the efforts of President Sadat of Egypt, while trying to adopt a neutral stance towards Arab disagreements.

Major Jalloud's visit was

seen as a further example of China's increasing diplomatic activity in the Middle East in rivalry with the Soviet Union. There are 13 Arab embassies and an office of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Peking. Jordan and Oman are expected to open embassies by the end of the year. The only Arab mission not represented at the airport was in Egypt.

A North Korean diplomat there, suggesting Major Jalloud might visit Pyongyang after Peking.

The Chinese authorities have already told certain Arab diplomats of their wish to establish relations with Tripoli.

In a commentary line shortly before Major Jalloud's arrival here, New China news agency praised Libyan policy, particularly nationalization and the taking of majority share-holder rights in the capital of foreign oil companies.

Major Jalloud is expected in China until August 12.—Reuters and Agence France-Presse.

Reporter goes  
to prison after  
appeal fails

From Our Own Correspondent  
Washington, Aug 4

Mr. Myron Farber, a reporter for the New York Times who refuses to hand over his confidential notes to a judge at a murder trial, today surrendered to the authorities to begin an indeterminate jail sentence for contempt of court.

His decision followed the rejection of a further postponement of his sentence by Justice Thurgood Marshall of the United States Supreme Court. Lawyers for Mr. Farber and The New York Times had asked Mr. Marshall to delay contempt of court penalties until they could make a formal appeal, which is in recess.

Under an earlier temporary stay order Mr. Farber's imprisonment, as well as the \$5,000 (£2,700) daily fine on his newspaper, had been postponed until now.

Mr. Marshall turned down the request for a further postponement of the sentence because he did not believe that the court would grant an appeal.

Clemency appeal

Nicosia, Aug 4.—The two Arabs sentenced to death for the murder early this year of the editor of Al Ahram, have appealed to President Kyprionou for clemency.

Both the New York Times and the Baltimore Sun have filed requests to order court-ordered retractions of stories the reporters wrote saying the televised confession of a Soviet dissident may have been fabricated by Soviet television.

A Moscow City court judge would open the gate soon and called on the ethnic Chinese to carry on waiting.

The broadcast denied an allegation by Peking radio that Vietnamese security forces had "goaded the Chinese to storm the pass by firing shots into the air." The Chinese had also accused Vietnamese security forces of assaulting stranded Chinese.

Hanoi radio said the roadies "set into Vietnam had stormed a Vietnamese public security office on the border and incited thousands of the stranded Chinese to run into Chinese territory."

The Chinese authorities had not only turned a deaf ear to the "strong protests" lodged by the Vietnamese side, but also sent three officials to make counter-charges, claiming that Vietnamese forces had expelled the Hanoi (Chinese) people and robbed them of their belongings.—Agence France-Presse.

## In brief

Church seeks end  
of Somoza regime

Managua, Aug 4.—The Nicaraguan Roman Catholic Church has called for the resignation of President Somoza and the establishment of a new social and economic order to end a "violence throughout the country."

The church's Episcopal Conference, including six bishops and 11 priests, said the Government lacked the confidence of the Nicaraguan people and created a climate of "violence and danger to its citizens."

Fraser fishing charge

arwin, Aug 4.—A Dar magistrate has dismissed charges against Mr. Malcolm Fraser, the Australian Prime Minister, of illegal fishing in the Northern Territory. But the prosecution was necessary, and justified. However, there were extenuating circumstances because Fraser had been invited to by a council, traditional owner of the waters.

Robeson gets his star

Los Angeles, Aug 4.—Robeson is to get a star on Hollywood Boulevard. The famous actor, who was named in the Commerce selection committee said. This overturns a previous decision, which gave him a star, but he never gave a star.

63 survive plane crash

Buenos Aires, Aug 4.—All people on board a Chilean Boeing 707, which crashed last night when it crashed in fire near Buenos Aires international airport last night. The people were taken to hospital but doctors said none critically ill.

Swazi lawyer detainee

Mbabane, Swaziland, Aug 4.—Swaziland security police, seized Mr. Musa Shongwe, a lawyer who defended three members of the African National Congress, of whom were jailed by Swazi High Court.

Ex-minister jailed

Rangoon, Aug 4.—The former Burmese Minister Finance, has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for stealing condensed milk and groceries and confecting worth a total of about £80, a government office in 1977.

Texas floods kill 20

Dallas, Aug 4.—President Carter today declared a disaster in Texas because of flooding which killed at least 20 people in the past











## Chess Glittering prizes

Quality of brilliancy in a strange one in that it is not necessarily dependent upon the greatness of the prize. Admittedly some of the greatest players of the past have been or are at players and winners of brilliancy prizes. Such are Steinitz, Alekhine, Lasker, Tal, Keres and many others. Incidentally, the chess and ease with which Lasker won so many games deceived a number of his contemporaries that he was a brilliant player. In actual fact he won a number of brilliancy prizes and was very much more than commonly regarded as a chess master.

It has to be admitted that he was constantly brilliant of a category altogether of the greatest players. They are not really random masters though some are of a particular appeal. For instance they are of good class but are players who make no showing at all the half a dozen or so named.

Thinking in fact of such in the past as Colle and Richter and in the present as Colle and Richter. Both Colle and Richter lived in a time when there was no such thing as a system; otherwise no one would have been able to play like some of the great players of the past. Colle and Richter were not even seen really as chess masters.

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Whether the same applies to Westerners is very much doubtful. He is indeed a wonderfully brilliant player but his inconsistency is such that I wonder how he ever got the grandmaster title under the present faulty system of gaining such titles.

Nevertheless, the brilliancy prizes are there for all to see. Take for example the following game which was played at an international tournament in New York this year.

White: Karpov, Black: Sigurðsson. Sicilian defence. 1 P-K4, 2 P-Q4, 3 KNP-KK4, 4 P-K3, 5 P-Q5, 6 P-K4, 7 P-Q5, 8 P-K4, 9 P-Q5, 10 P-K4, 11 P-Q5, 12 P-K4, 13 P-Q5, 14 P-K4, 15 P-Q5, 16 P-K4, 17 P-Q5, 18 P-K4, 19 P-Q5, 20 P-K4, 21 P-Q5, 22 P-K4, 23 P-Q5, 24 P-K4, 25 P-Q5, 26 P-K4, 27 P-Q5, 28 P-K4, 29 P-Q5, 30 P-K4, 31 P-Q5, 32 P-K4, 33 P-Q5, 34 P-K4, 35 P-Q5, 36 P-K4, 37 P-Q5, 38 P-K4, 39 P-Q5, 40 P-K4, 41 P-Q5, 42 P-K4, 43 P-Q5, 44 P-K4, 45 P-Q5, 46 P-K4, 47 P-Q5, 48 P-K4, 49 P-Q5, 50 P-K4, 51 P-Q5, 52 P-K4, 53 P-Q5, 54 P-K4, 55 P-Q5, 56 P-K4, 57 P-Q5, 58 P-K4, 59 P-Q5, 60 P-K4, 61 P-Q5, 62 P-K4, 63 P-Q5, 64 P-K4, 65 P-Q5, 66 P-K4, 67 P-Q5, 68 P-K4, 69 P-Q5, 70 P-K4, 71 P-Q5, 72 P-K4, 73 P-Q5, 74 P-K4, 75 P-Q5, 76 P-K4, 77 P-Q5, 78 P-K4, 79 P-Q5, 80 P-K4, 81 P-Q5, 82 P-K4, 83 P-Q5, 84 P-K4, 85 P-Q5, 86 P-K4, 87 P-Q5, 88 P-K4, 89 P-Q5, 90 P-K4, 91 P-Q5, 92 P-K4, 93 P-Q5, 94 P-K4, 95 P-Q5, 96 P-K4, 97 P-Q5, 98 P-K4, 99 P-Q5, 100 P-K4, 101 P-Q5, 102 P-K4, 103 P-Q5, 104 P-K4, 105 P-Q5, 106 P-K4, 107 P-Q5, 108 P-K4, 109 P-Q5, 110 P-K4, 111 P-Q5, 112 P-K4, 113 P-Q5, 114 P-K4, 115 P-Q5, 116 P-K4, 117 P-Q5, 118 P-K4, 119 P-Q5, 120 P-K4, 121 P-Q5, 122 P-K4, 123 P-Q5, 124 P-K4, 125 P-Q5, 126 P-K4, 127 P-Q5, 128 P-K4, 129 P-Q5, 130 P-K4, 131 P-Q5, 132 P-K4, 133 P-Q5, 134 P-K4, 135 P-Q5, 136 P-K4, 137 P-Q5, 138 P-K4, 139 P-Q5, 140 P-K4, 141 P-Q5, 142 P-K4, 143 P-Q5, 144 P-K4, 145 P-Q5, 146 P-K4, 147 P-Q5, 148 P-K4, 149 P-Q5, 150 P-K4, 151 P-Q5, 152 P-K4, 153 P-Q5, 154 P-K4, 155 P-Q5, 156 P-K4, 157 P-Q5, 158 P-K4, 159 P-Q5, 160 P-K4, 161 P-Q5, 162 P-K4, 163 P-Q5, 164 P-K4, 165 P-Q5, 166 P-K4, 167 P-Q5, 168 P-K4, 169 P-Q5, 170 P-K4, 171 P-Q5, 172 P-K4, 173 P-Q5, 174 P-K4, 175 P-Q5, 176 P-K4, 177 P-Q5, 178 P-K4, 179 P-Q5, 180 P-K4, 181 P-Q5, 182 P-K4, 183 P-Q5, 184 P-K4, 185 P-Q5, 186 P-K4, 187 P-Q5, 188 P-K4, 189 P-Q5, 190 P-K4, 191 P-Q5, 192 P-K4, 193 P-Q5, 194 P-K4, 195 P-Q5, 196 P-K4, 197 P-Q5, 198 P-K4, 199 P-Q5, 200 P-K4, 201 P-Q5, 202 P-K4, 203 P-Q5, 204 P-K4, 205 P-Q5, 206 P-K4, 207 P-Q5, 208 P-K4, 209 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## Racing

## Kintore preferred to his stable companion for Redcar prize

By Michael Phillips

Racing Correspondent

On a day when Haydock Park, Lingfield Park and Newmarket have plenty to offer their patrons, pride of place goes to Redcar where the William Hill Gold Cup is again the centrepiece of this particular programme, as indeed it has been for the past 19 years. William Wats, who trains with notable success at Richmond, Yorkshire, is certainly making a concerted effort to win this trophy for a second time. He is responsible for three of the 12 runners.

The three in question are Kintore, a 12-year-old gelding, his stable companion John Love, Kintore, who has not been penalized for winning a week ago, and Running Jump. Originally Wats intended to run Kintore, but on reflection he decided to let the other two take their chance as well in fairness to their owners because they are both to be run by Kintore, who has been the joint favourite along with Smackover ever since the ante-post market opened on Tuesday.

Running Jump, who was a 100-1 shot, appeared to have a better chance than Kintore, but he was a tough six-year-old and only hope that Love does not find himself in the sort of pickle he got into at Newmarket last month when he finished only fourth in the Bunbury Cup, for which he started favourite.

Kintore never saw daylight that day and I think the fact that he is best for good. Earlier in the season Kintore had won at

York and Lingfield and confidence in his ability to win again today seems from those two fine performances. Although Kintore has never won beyond seven furlongs Wats is of the opinion that he will not be bothered by the extra furlongs this afternoon. Indeed his only anxiety is the weather. Kintore's best races have all been on good ground and he does not want any more rain. The course at Redcar drains and dries quickly so the conditions ought to be perfect for a day night and morning.

Take Kintore out of the field and the race becomes a maze of problems. Fear Naught will be trying to become the first horse to win the Rowley Hunt Cup in the same season since Foulness did so in 1959. Fear Naught seems certain to run well, but it is impossible to say whether he will be a head behind her at Royal Ascot. The handicapper has allowed Petronia a pound for that defeat.

After Ascot Petronia won the Dobson Peacock Handicap at Newmarket by three-quarters of a length from another of today's runners, Cherta Pearl. Cherta Pearl, who is meeting Petronia on 21b better terms this afternoon in an attempt to go on her second start after a corresponding day 12 months ago when runner-up to Alante.

Smackover, the other joint favourite, has been penalized 5 lb for winning first at Newbury and then at Goodwood in July. Clearly he is improving but it still goes against the odds to side with him in this race. Kintore and Love are a race of this nature and Kintore is stable companion Kintore.

There is a good field for the New Zealand-Great Britain Handicap at Newmarket, which is the second most valuable race of the day. Top weight will be carried by that redoubtable stayer Move On, who won the Old Newton Cup at Haydock Park on his last appearance. Well that he should run again I am inclined to doubt whether he will give two stone to Lorelei, who beat Humdrolia and Tamamco comfortably at Ascot towards the end of last month. Since then Humdrolia and Tamamco have paid Lorelei a compliment by winning at Redcar and Brighton, respectively.

Moon Sammy is another who seems bound to make his presence felt. Judged on the way he ran in the Ebor Handicap, he is a big danger to Lorelei.

Our Newmarket correspondent is of the opinion that the ground will not be firm enough for the two horses to be a real test. Apparently he needs it like a road underfoot. It will be interesting to see how Salidotto fares in this, his first race for two months because he is already firmly installed as the ante-post favourite for the Ebor Handicap at York and would seem to be carrying a stiff penalty in that race.

Meanwhile, down at leafy Lingfield Park, Barrowfield's good young stayer, Arctich, ought to be hard to beat in the Garwick Handicap with Lester Piggott riding him. Piggott should also be a strong contender in the Handicap on Rewick, but it is not to win the South Coast Stakes on Value.

## Fourth treble of year for Carson at Haydock

William Carson landed his fourth treble of the year with Ring Lady, Phoenix Rose and Casino Royale at Haydock yesterday to bring his score to 114 winners for the season. He now looks all set to regain the title as champion jockey.

Ring Lady, cruising home by a smooth two lengths from Summer Soov in the Lady Hill Stakes, became a possible for the Lowther Stakes at York on August 23.

The filly, who cost 50,000 guineas at the Dublin sales, was a smooth winner of the Barry Hills-Robert Sangster combination.

Phoenix Rose, bought primarily for jumping, finally got the mark for the season when beating Brewmaster by four lengths in the Maybury Selling Handicap. She had been settled down in front but with two furlongs still to travel, Carson pushed Phoenix Rose into the lead.

Le Dauphin, the other joint favourite, never got to terms with the leaders and trailed home out of the first six.

Phoenix Rose was well fancied by her trainer, Michael Naughton, who said she was a "very good" small stable was landing its second winner within three racing days.

## Youngsters claim the Newmarket honours

Eighteen-year-old Stephen Parr and Alan Mercer, claimed the riding honours at Newmarket yesterday with all the experience of experienced jockeys. Mercer, one of the best apprentices in the north, gained his eighteenth success of the season when scoring on Cap Ferras, for William Wats, in the Richmond Nursery.

Always going well, Cap Ferras struck the front over two furlongs out and, although strongly challenged by Stenious up the final hill, ran on gamely to win by three-quarters of a length. Mercer displayed a cool head under pressure to land the spoils.

Parr, out of the senior rivals to the north race of his career on National Hunt, the Waterhill Handicap, Milson set the pace and led until two furlongs out where Nathan Wide was disputing the lead with Le Franchise. Parr shook up his mount and went clear to score by two and a half lengths. Harry Wragg said of the winner: "He has out raced since the Goodwood May meeting because he was jarred up. He is a much, much better horse with some give in the ground." Nathan Wide is all the big long distance handicaps and could go for the Ebor.

Edward Hide's impressive victory on Lottie Lehmann to the 100-1 shot, added pleasure as he bred the winner. After the

odds on favourite, Mick's Throw-out, had made most of the running, Hide brought Lottie Lehmann with a well-timed run inside the final furlong. The partnership cruised past the leader for a three-quarter length success.

Lottie Lehmann, named after a famous opera singer, was sold for 4,400 guineas to Adrian Clegg and now goes to Neville Callaghan.

Hide was in cracking form and completed a quick double in the Clive Brittain. After an encouraging first appearance over this course and distance last Saturday, Alert fully confirmed the promise. Always handily placed, Alert came through smoothly at the furlong mark and, despite being strongly challenged by a newcomer, Dusk Lady, stuck to his task in game fashion for one and a half lengths success.

Brittain said: "I bought him cheaply at the Newmarket Sales and he has been one of his joys. I think he needs a longer distance than five furlongs, and he is entered in the Gimcrack."

Heavenly Choir gave the Racecourse Club a welcome success when outpacing Marching On in the six furlong Saxham Handicap.

This was the St Albans filly's fourth success for a syndicate of 10, headed by a retired local government officer, Frank Carpenter from Hampton Court.

## Sanedtki should take Maurice de Gheest

From Desmond Stoneham, French Racing Correspondent

The group three Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville tomorrow should be won by Sanedtki from Polydore and Daring March, who is one of three English trained horses in the race. Other runners worthy of note are King of Macedonia and Karpos.

Sanedtki was anything but disgraced when going under by a neck to Solinus in the July Cup at Newmarket and a repeat of that form should be good enough to win the Prix de St-Georges at Longchamp and repeated the form the following month in the Prix du Crochet at Chantilly, although King of Macedonia reduced the winning distance in the last-named event.

Saint-Martin has been booked for Daring March, who on July 22 ran an excellent second to John de Castejon in the Prix de la Ville de Paris at Longchamp. Before that the colt took the Critérium Stakes at Newmarket from Panon. Erry's Prix Hampton last month by two

lengths from Karpos, who carried the colours of the Aga Khan for the first time. Two of the 15-furlong Prix B on Sunday should go to less than 100-1 from Brava and Middleman, in the Prix de Paris on June 25 and Brava Johany, who possibilities for the Donce Leger on September 16, placed behind Gallani, Ro and Wismad.

Act One would certainly be placed or even a classic but for being a runner when making a challenge to the Aga Khan's stable. Brava Johany ran much too free Grand Prix so his own bought King Mark as a p Middleman is going to fluctuate to beat. He is a superbly game performer, defeating Turville in St-Julien de Niellat at St-Julien and is certain to show his class in the Prix de la Ville de Paris. Anthony Murry was excellent chance of win one mile Prix d'Asprex. The daughter of a great sire, she is a level weights to Daring the Prix Chloé at Arc. Loca Curnat saddle and a 100-1 shot. Greville Starkey in the for the places I prefer a stag and Clear Picture.

## Sad sequel to triumph of Hello Louis

Amanda Jemmeson, 25-year-old daughter of a Middleham (Yorkshire) blacksmith was all smiles when she crossed the finish line to Hello Louis in the Sporting Chronicle Ladies' point-to-point championship final at Newmarket on May 13. It was her first ride in a hunter steeplechase and she had pluckily ridden with a broken bone to her wrist.

But there was an unhappy sequel to London yesterday when the Jockey Club Stewards disqualified

Hello Louis following a positive test.

Analysis of samples taken from Hello Louis showed caffeine and theobromine, both prohibited substances, in its urine. The Jockey Club disciplinary committee heard evidence from Hello Louis's trainer, Mrs Mary Reveley, and found that the source of the drugs was a chocolate bar manufactured by Chapman and Frearsons Limited, who explained that the presence of a drug in their product

was due to a manufacturing error. Gavin Hunter, an East Sussex trainer, appealing to the Jockey Club, claiming that the decision by the Jockey Club was affecting his horses, won one and lost the other. The Jockey Club disciplinary committee considered his appeal to the case of Super Sirocco, who was awarded the Tans O'banter Maiden Stakes (July 17) and the Tans O'banter Maiden Stakes (July 17).

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## WITHOUT A MAJORITY

The Parliament that has just dispersed for the summer recess is wearing the look of a Parliament that will make only a token appearance before it is dissolved to make way for another. That is both the expectation and the reality. The summer recess will be due to end, but its high time now that the unenviable and uncertainly of general election has got over and the national decision taken, in the Commons especially it has been an eventful Parliament in an instructive one. It is a common complaint about our political institutions that the power of the Executive has grown at the expense of the power of Parliament, and that the balance ought to be redressed: that a government's assurances would be the better of having to satisfy not merely a partisan or ideological requirements of its own party members, but a broader band of parliamentary representation well. The erosion and then a reversal of the Labour Party's majority in this House Commons have afforded two years of experience of a more equal match between Ministry and Parliament. With what result—good, bad or indifferent? One feature of the period has been the rather greater stability of government than the arithmetic of majorities or the graph of unpopularity might have suggested. There have been many cliff-hanging episodes, life death divisions, and deadly hushes, each well dramatized the time. But confidence that a Government would somehow survive—or a weary resignation that that probability prevailed in most quarters. That something to the skill of a Government's parliamentary managers in striking formal or informal bargains for the occasion with the minor parties: it is more to the fact that they have ever suited the interests of all groups in a fractured position to bring the Government down and expose themselves to the electorate. The

experience does something to confirm experience in other countries, that proportional systems of election tending to produce a multiplicity of parties in parliament and narrow government majorities with or without coalition do not necessarily lead to an unstable government. The temporary rise in Parliament's power relative to the Ministry's has also had consequences which are plain to see on the nature of the legislation passed. The Labour Government came to office in 1974 trailing a manifesto studded with ideologically controversial undertakings. Most of these, however narrow the support for them in the country, had been pushed through Parliament before by-elections had deprived the Government of its overall majority. Even before that point was reached, however its majority was not completely safe. An important section of the ship-building nationalization Bill and the most extravagant donations included in the dockers' aggrandisement Bill were lost by party defection, assisted in both cases by the House of Lords. (The latter Bill has more recently been blocked altogether by a Commons in which the Government had been still further weakened.) So by the time the Government had lost its overall majority legislation of a high ideological content to which it was committed was mostly out of the way. At any rate no more was attempted. That fact, which had something to do with the preferences or preferences of the Prime Minister as well as with the new parliamentary arithmetic, enhanced, in a negative way, the merits of the Government. Meanwhile what legislation there was, especially fiscal legislation and the two devolution measures, were widely exposed to amendment against the Government's advice—tax-cutting amendments in the case of fiscal legislation and foot-dragging amendments in the case of devolution. The virtue or otherwise of these amendments is a matter of opinion. But they have been

accompanied by a modification of constitutional convention which may turn out to be of lasting importance: a downgrading of some types of issue on which the Government has been or might have been defeated. Some matter, tax rates for example, which would previously have been spoken of as essential to the Budget strategy, becomes instead a tactical adjustment; an important clause in a Bill which might have been treated as a matter of confidence becomes amendable at the will of the House. Having experienced this new elasticity MPs may be disinclined to give it up even at the return of solid majorities. In that way future governments may find it less easy than in the past to exact total compliance with their legislative will. These legislative buffets cannot be said to have paralysed the Government in all respects. Under the tutelage of the International Monetary Fund it has succeeded in bringing about a large shift in the basis of management of public finance, both by imposing monetary discipline and by controlling public expenditure. It has not gone far enough in those directions and it has allowed premature relaxation. Nevertheless, the magnitude of the changes it has made in that respect contradict any conclusion that the absence of an assured party majority in Parliament necessarily precludes a government from acting effectively. The parliamentary situation of the past two years, if it is added, has been congenial to Mr Callaghan's managerial and concessionary style of government, coming to the top half way through having lost his ideological baggage somewhere on the way, the proclaimed practitioner of consent and gradualism. It would not be so congenial to Mrs Thatcher, coming in at the beginning of a Parliament, with a more highly developed sense of what is wrong with modern British society, and with an unmistakably radical programme to put through.

## NOTHER BITE AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Peter Shore is not a man whose temperament runs to the upping of bombshells. His policies to creep out by little and little, so that it is rarely possible to discern the bit at which a definite commitment is made. His statement on Tuesday about proposals to lift powers from some counties districts went a trifle further than his previous cautious professions of sympathy for the triest, but it is still not clear if many of the districts mourning for glory he expects satisfy. The "big nine" are early in the running, but Mr Shore's minimum population of 100,000 opens out possibilities for at least thirty mer county boroughs in all. Those behind Mr Shore are lagging "forward", but some of us beside him are crying "back". In June the Labour Party's national executive issued policy statement which would really have the effect of lifting the shires as administrative units altogether. The triest would inherit some of its powers, and some would go to a new tier of about a regional authorities. But Cabinet the ministers con-

cerned with social services and education, the two main services spoken of as candidates for transfer, are hostile to the idea. The existing pattern of local government, set up in 1972 after an administrative upheaval that will long haunt the nightmares of those involved, concentrated the main local powers for areas outside the large urban centres in the hands of the shire counties. No practicable distribution of powers can be entirely satisfactory, for every kind of local service has a different ideal scale. The 1972 plan stressed the need for councils to be big enough to take charge of complex modern systems. Too often this has been achieved at the cost of a more remote and impersonal service. For some county boroughs with long histories and great civic pride it meant a loss of status which is still fiercely resented. But restoring old powers to them would tend to revive the clashes of interest and the disparities in quality of service between town and country that marked the old system. Mr Shore's approach is preferable to that of Labour's national executive because it is more

cautious. No new upheaval in local government is desirable unless the advantages are overwhelmingly strong. No extensive change should be embarked on without small-scale tests first. The case for change is strongest in the personal social services, because of the need there for decisions to be taken quickly and with personal knowledge of individual circumstances. Close contact with housing services, a district responsibility, are also important. Education, except perhaps for a handful of the largest districts, is quite unsuitable for transfer. There are other ways of remedying the defects of the 1972 system. Whether a social services department is run coldly or humanely depends more on the attitudes of those in charge than on the size of the council concerned. Administrative delegation and better cooperation between councils can remedy poor services at least as well as any structural redistribution. The case for change as made out so far still does not seem to warrant action on the scale that Mr Shore seems to have in mind.

## ould doctors strike?

Professor Sir Denis Hill I accept Dr Michael Ryan's 1973 correction that in 1974 consultants were not the first to strike in industrial action. But there had been a strike throughout that year and emerging attitudes of some members of the medical profession were widely known. There was inter-professional conflict over the pay issue, and the consultants were provoked. Nevertheless in 1975 for the first time doctors were goaded into believing that they had no alternative to industrial action. There seemed no alternative to use of the consultants' bodies of militant trade unionism. Here that in this they lost their opportunity for moral leadership. In 1975 when the junior hospital staff struck, there was a serious line to services given to patients. The process of destruction of the medical profession had begun. In 1976 Sir Theodore Fox, far many of the distinguished Editor of *The Lancet*, wrote this: "They have no choice. Either they are industrial workers who strike on any pretext, or they are members of a profession who strike on none. What can't be responsible doctors day and industrial workers the night" (*The Lancet*, October 23). Raphael Eban (July 17) says was one of the consultants who, in industrial action in 1974, and is obviously anxious to defend moral stance. His argument is close attention but is not likely to deceive, for the slightest is apparent. What he expects to believe is this: First, that consultants and junior hospital staff took industrial action not against the patients but against their employers in order to point to client facilities and the inability of doctors to treat patients because of this. This is obviously untrue; it is struck in their own rest, particularly to improve pay, admittedly in private pay, ends, he suggests that many—probably thousands—

whose admission to hospital was postponed and who were awaiting admission for investigation, treatment or surgery were not patients, but only "clients" of the NHS. Many of these people had been seen in outpatient clinics by consultants and deputes and admission had been agreed. They were patients of the doctors concerned in every sense of that term. What the doctors did in fact say was "though you are my patient I will not help you", and not, as Dr Eban would have it, "I cannot accept you as a patient." The family doctors have threatened industrial action if their pay claims are not met. How will they view their moral contract with those whom they have accepted as patients or their practice lists? They have contracted as individuals to provide these people with medical care. Will they regard them as clients of the NHS or as patients they have accepted? In industrial relations we are far down the road as a society in the belief that reason has no power and no validity; that only force, the equivalence of violence, can bring just rewards. The Government again and again have reinforced this belief, by giving it. It is inconceivable 10 years ago that the medical profession should share this belief and act on it. We agree that policemen and members of armed forces should not strike. Why not? If medical consultants strike, why should not top civil servants, judges or MPs do so? The answer surely is that those upon whom we all depend have a special responsibility which goes beyond material self-interest. In matters of life and death, protection and security, those to whom responsibility has been given, if they have accepted it, should honour it. To do so is a great privilege; not to do so is a betrayal. Yours sincerely, DENIS HILL, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, SE5, July 26.

## Kingsway Hall future

From Bishop Butler and others Sir, At the end of last week Lord Soper ended a distinguished ministry at the centre of London at Kingsway Hall, where Methodism this century has pioneered new ventures of social concern. A few years ago the Methodist community there felt the time had come to review its life and did, in fact, sell Kingsway Hall, retaining only reasons for a specified time, while its work was organized in a new way. Kingsway Hall is now on the market, being offered freehold with part possession for a figure under one million pounds. With the recent success of "London Entertainments"—the festival of the many cultures of London—we are wondering if the time has not come when in Britain we are ready to recognise the rich variety of arts available to us in our cities and indeed beyond. Is there a way in which Kingsway Hall could become a multi-cultural arts centre for Britain? What we would like to suggest is a two-pronged development: 1. The buying of the freehold of Kingsway Hall by a person or a group to secure its future in keeping with its tradition this century as a pioneer place where many strands in society meet; 2. The setting up of a trust fund to pursue in ways that are appropriate the kind of interests for which there has been so much support from so many quarters during the recent festival of many cultures. May we ask any person interested in discussing his idea further to contact us at 3/35, Buckingham Gate, London, SW1. Yours sincerely, B. C. BUTLER, EDWARD CARPENTER, KENNETH G. GREY, PETER WALKER, ALAN WEBSTER, August 4.

## Levy on petrol in place of car tax

From Mr Brian Stokes Sir, Today's report (August 2) of the amount of licence dodging by road users underlines the need for reform. There has been talk of abolishing the Road Fund Licence, but no one seems to have produced a forthright plan. I suggest that the price of petrol could be increased to cover the cost. Law breakers may think that they can do without a licence; they cannot drive a car without petrol. There is also the added advantage of a fairer tax being applied; the lower the mileage the lower the tax. I am thinking especially of the elderly road user just managing to run a car. The abolition would mean less work for hard-pressed policemen and magistrates. It would mean a cut in the amount of money the taxpayer has to contribute to keep vast armies of clerks occupied. I suspect that most politicians would prefer to avoid a public debate on this subject before an impending general election, but I believe that a sensible reform like this one would go a little way to slacken the bureaucratic vice that is a matter of genuine concern to many people. Yours faithfully, BRIAN STOKES, Brooklands, Keble Road, Keble, Staffordshire, August 2.

## Holiday disruption

From Mr W. Lunn Sir, With passengers queuing at airports unable to get transport to their holidays and unable to get home for fear of forfeiting the cost of their holiday, this seems a good time to look into the anomaly whereby the full cost of a holiday is required to be paid before any of the services are provided. In every other transaction I know of, the customer has the opportunity to examine the goods purchased or sample the service provided before parting with his money. Package tours, which are notorious for not providing satisfaction, do, nevertheless, get away with taking the customer's money well in advance. Consequently, when there is a failure in any part of the service the customer can take no immediate action. It is most likely that the airport lounges would have emptied quickly in the present circumstances had travellers had the choice of refusing the holiday booked and set off for another destination, at home or a far cry away. I believe that a choice should be available to them, and if the plane does not arrive, the holiday booking should be cancelled, or cancellable, at no cost to the customer. Perhaps someone of influence could take up the suggestion. Yours faithfully, W. LUNN, 75 West Bridge Road, North Weald, Essex, August 2.

## Decline of the weeklies

From Mr Nicholas Davenport Sir, As the oldest weekly columnist still working—I started writing a financial column for *Keynes in The Nation*, under Sir Hubert Henderson's editorship, in 1923 when the *Liberal* bought the journal, later to be amalgamated with the *New Statesman* in 1930—perhaps I may be allowed to add a note to your correspondence. When I was lately on a B.B.C. overseas broadcast about the *Spectator* (15 years old this year) with Anthony Howard, Bernard Levin and George Gale, I was surprised to hear Bernard condemning the weekly journal to death. I protested that a weekly journal would always survive provided it had complete independence, good editing, and good writing (which *The Spectator* now enjoys). I would add that since the Fleet Street print is now threatened with extinction it is essential that the modern-day mobility like the *Encounter* should be kept alive. They are the only papers which can guarantee absolute independence to a free writer. They may become the only light shining in the gathering darkness of the press. Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS DAVENPORT, Hinton Manor, Hinton Waldrist, Nr Farnham, Oxfordshire.

## British Council abroad

From Professor T. A. Birrell Sir, One's relief and pleasure at the announcement of the Think Tank are not wholly unalloyed. The White Paper now moots the possibility that some of the British Council offices abroad may be merged with diplomatic missions. But one of the essential ideas behind the foundation of the British Council was that its activities should be very clearly seen to be quite distinct from those of British diplomacy. Over the years this has been a great source of strength to the work of the British Council, in contrast to the cultural agencies of countries which do not make such a clear distinction. A great deal of the British Council's excellent work is done for foreign students, and students tend to be by nature suspicious of any suggestion of cultural imperialism or cultural patronization. It is essential that the British Council should keep its organization, its personnel, and its office buildings as far away as possible from the British Diplomatic and Consular Service. It may sound a bit machiavellian, but British interests will be best served by letting the British Council continue to be seen to be disinterested. Yours faithfully, T. A. BIRRELL, Instituut Engels-Amerikaans, Erasmuslaan 40, Nijmegen, The Netherlands, August 3.

## Orde Wingate's reputation

From Mr Richard Rhodes James Sir, Regarding today's letter (July 31) about General Wingate's strategic decisions; may I, as a humble participant, make a brief observation? I remember arriving in the Pinleu area with 11th Brigade. I formed then a strong impression that he over left me, viz that we had entirely missed the bus. There were precious few Japanese in the area, almost all reinforcements for the Imphal front having already been sent up. We blocked roads and killed Japanese, but it was shadow play. Large forces were being seriously wasted. I never doubted Wingate's integrity and it was a privilege to serve under him, but I believe his defenders are trying too hard. The Second Chindit Expedition achieved a great deal, but as a cost-effective exercise I believe it was a disaster. Yours faithfully, RICHARD RHODES JAMES, Rallbury, Hertford, August 3.

## Pressure on the Kremlin over dissidents

From Professor Michael McGuire Sir, Punishing the Kremlin for its treatment of dissidents may make the West feel good, but we should be clear as to who bears the brunt. Lord Chalfont suggests that the West should withdraw from the SALT talks and that the West should boycott the 1980 Olympics. But withdrawal from SALT would play into the hands of the Soviet ideologues who distrust détente because it encourages internal relaxation. Meanwhile the West has as great an interest as the Soviets in checking the strategic arms race. It is absurd to argue that because the Soviets have outflanked the human rights clauses of Helsinki by exploiting their laws on anti-state activity, SALT is therefore worthless. So far both sides have abided by the letter of the treaty and both sides have sought to exploit its ambiguities. As for the Olympics, Lord Chalfont must know that in foreign policy success for the good is rarely secure for the gender. While Western ostracism does indeed appear to have had some effect on South African decisions, such a policy applied to Russia must work against our aim. The West would forgo a unique opportunity of carrying its case behind the iron curtain, while providing ammunition to Soviet domestic propaganda. More important in terms of human rights, such a policy would deny a large number of ordinary Soviet citizens the chance of interacting with their Western contemporaries. Anyone who was in Moscow during the 1957 Youth Festival will know what a breath of fresh air that would provide. The problem of human rights does not lend itself to moralistic solutions. We should not see the purely exploitation of the Helsinki records has certainly aided the forces of repression in Russia. Meanwhile, this is but one symptom of more fundamental disagreements, since our adversary relationship with the Soviet Union stems as much from radically different ideological perspectives as from conflicts of national interest. While this demands a Western policy of consistent toughness, it needs to be modulated by an awareness of the Soviet point of view and a sensitivity to the impact of our actions on their internal policy debate. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL MCGUIRE, Dalmeida University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 25.

From Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch Sir, Mr Peter Tennant (July 19) asserts that Stephen King-Hall's *News Letter* sent to thousands of private addresses in Germany had a "great effect" and suggests that a similar initiative could achieve a "much greater impact" in Russia. What was this "great effect" and why should we desire to create it to so even greater extent in Russia? What happened in (Nazi) Germany was the perpetration of dissidents was intensified and preparation for aggressive war accelerated. Hitler and his National Socialist Party were not deflected from their aims by one iota. We can only see that firm but conciliatory diplomacy, based upon accurate appreciation of Germany's capabilities and the determination to counter them, might have given the real Germany a chance to reassess itself. To a regime dependent upon acquiescence, rather than consent.

## Cattle raising in Africa

From Dr John Henshaw Sir, On July 28 the BBC Channel 2 showed a film entitled *The Tsetse Trap*. While the enthusiastic fervour of the film told us of the benefits to be obtained from eradicating the tsetse fly, upon which eodeavour many millions of pounds have been and are being spent. We were informed that with the tsetse fly eradicated, 15 million square kilometres of fertile land could be opened up for cattle ranching thereby making Africa the meat basket of the world. The only disadvantage to be mentioned was that the tsetse fly would wild animal species would have to go in order to make room for the cattle. In most ecological situations, the highest levels of productivity occur where long-term stability has resulted in the development of a vegetation cover composed of plant species naturally adapted to soil and climatic conditions—superimposed by a spectrum of herbivorous animals and naturally adapted to above and in the vegetation cover as well. The so-called "fly belts", by and large, are woodland savanna ecosystems which can achieve great floristic diversity and which support wildlife ranging from small, medium and large antelope species to buffalo, hippopotamus and elephant. The herbivore spec-

## Cattle raising in Africa

trum reflects the adaptations of the different species for feeding on different plant types and at different heights in the vegetation cover. Most of the wild herbivores are less water dependent than are cattle and utilize a far greater proportion of the land surface during dry seasons. The result of these adaptations is seen in the far greater carrying capacity (kilograms of herbivore per hectare) with wild animals than can ever be achieved with cattle alone. Cattle are alien to the woodland savanna environment and attempts to modify the latter to suit them invariably reduce both its diversity and productivity. However, agricultural policies suffer from the concept that if our ancestors domesticated it, then it must be right at any time and in all possible situations. Game ranching schemes for the controlled harvesting of wild animal populations on a sustained yield basis, produce high levels of good quality protein at the same time conserving natural and well adapted flora and fauna. Despite the logic inherent in this, it is sad to report that conventional thinking decrees that the available support and money is being put instead to the ecologically downgraded alternative of cattle. Yours etc, JOHN HENSHAW, The Wildlife Research Centre, Chulmleigh, Devon.

## Cuba youth festival

From Mrs Owen Walker Sir, In a recent edition of your newspaper it was stated that The Girl Guides Association had "with-drawn" from taking part in the Cuba festival as the result of the initiative taken by the Young Conservative members of the British Youth Council. As the Association's delegates to the British Youth Council must represent a vast membership which embraces all faiths, all races and all political persuasions, I bone you will allow me to correct the implication in your report. The Association had, in fact, abstained from taking part in the deliberations of the British Youth Council on such an obviously political issue, and far from withdrawing as other member organizations later decided to do, had not at any time been involved. Yours sincerely, SHEILA WALKER, Chief Commissioner, The Girl Guides Association, 19 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1.

## Increasing London airports capacity

From the Planning Director of British Airports Authority Sir, Whilst your correspondent in his article "Is it time to unlock Channel Tunnel?" (July 26) acknowledges that Heathrow's proposed fourth terminal is necessary even if the tunnel were built, he then concludes that a tunnel would remove the need for any further airport expansion to the south east of England. The impact of a tunnel on London's future airport capacity was fully explored by the government in 1974, prior to the cancellation of the Channel Tunnel. The conclusion reached at that time was that a channel tunnel would siphon off about 7 per cent of the south east air passenger demand—which equates to about one year's growth at current rates. In other words, if the tunnel were built, the date for a new airport (or the expansion of an existing one) could be put back by one year, at no more than £100 million. The combined annual passenger throughput of the four London area airports is already approaching 35 million—of which about 2.3 million are on the Paris and Brussels routes, accounting for one passenger in 10, not one in seven as inferred. Furthermore, the highest growth rates for air transport are occurring on the longhaul routes, so we can expect this ratio to diminish with time. The solution to London's air transport problems will not be found in terms of rail alternatives, regional diversions, or even air traffic controllers' strikes, but only in the provision of adequate airport capacity where it is needed. Yours faithfully, D. W. TURNER, Planning Director, British Airports Authority, 2 Buckingham Gate, SW1, July 31.

## Computer secrecy

From Dr Jane Richards Sir, May I, as the proposer of the motion on confidentiality and computerization of clinical medical records passed at the annual representative meeting of the British Medical Association, reply to Professor Samet (August 2)? I come from Exeter and am familiar with our local computer project and very much approve of the principles limiting access employed in that project. However, I was present at a motion to establish such principles for all computer projects handling or storing identifiable medical data, and not all proposed systems are as carefully controlled. General practitioners have grave anxieties about the proposed pre-school child health mode, access to which is to be available to others than the clinicians involved in the child's care. The present hand-written medical records are held at the point at which they are compiled and required both in hospital and general practice and are the responsibility of their compilers, the clinicians concerned. Computer records are held at a distance and are not necessarily in the ultimate control of the author. We are well aware of the limitations of the present manually held records and are trying to tighten up the confidentiality of the information held thereon and the next resolution passed at the meeting was one that insisted that access to all medical records however held should be restricted. The BMA are not opposed to the use of computers to handle medical records but insist that such systems completely safeguard the confidentiality of the information so held. Yours faithfully, JANE RICHARDS, Hon Secretary, Exeter Division, British Medical Association, Quarryfields House, Whitestone, Exeter, August 2.

## Future of broadcasting

From Sir Robert Lusty Sir, Over many years I have expressed criticism of the attribution of "independence" to the Independent Broadcasting Authority which is, in point of fact, the commercial broadcasting authority. The last time I did so was in evidence to the Anson Committee which supported the point in its report. How fortunate that it has not been accepted. I am afraid it never occurred to me that any government would ever seek openly to terminate the independence of the BBC by means of the management devices put forward in its White Paper. This Government has, at least, given fair warning that this is its purpose and intention. The independence of commercialism may have its imperfections, but it will be infinitely preferable and more trustworthy than the strangled noises likely to come from the once great British Broadcasting Corporation. Yours faithfully, ROBERT LUSTY, The Old Silk Mill, Stockley, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, August 2.

## The Butler dynasty

From Professor H. Lehmman, FRs Sir, In these days of the emancipation of women and their sexes it is perhaps only partially correct to state that there is no longer a "Butler" in Cambridge University. Two of the nine children of Spencer Butler to whom you refer were girls. The older, 18th, was the mother of Dr Audrey Richards, who is a Fellow of Newham College, and a past President of the Royal Anthropological Institute, to name just two of her many distinctions. One of Isabel's grandsons is Dr Tom E. Faber, Fellow and Director of Studies in Physics at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Yours sincerely, H. LEHMANN, Christ's College, Cambridge, August 1.







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## BUSINESS NEWS

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### Largest monthly increase in US unemployed or three years

Frank Voel  
shington, Aug 4  
Unemployment in the United States rose to 6.2 per cent last month and the 0.5 per cent rise over the June level is the largest monthly rise since March, 1975.

The Department of Labour said that the new figures confirmed that the sharp rise in the jobless rate in May was a temporary phenomenon.

Overseas officials stressed that the unemployment rate had fallen below 6 per cent for the first time since 1975.

The unemployment rate rose by 0.05 per cent in July, but the rate of increase was slower than in June.

The rate of increase in the number of unemployed was 1.6 per cent in July, compared with 1.4 per cent in June.

The rate of increase in the number of employed was 0.5 per cent in July, compared with 0.4 per cent in June.

The rate of increase in the number of people in the labour force was 0.5 per cent in July, compared with 0.4 per cent in June.

The rate of increase in the number of people out of the labour force was 0.5 per cent in July, compared with 0.4 per cent in June.

### Expansion outside brewery trade raises fears about attitude of monopoly authorities

## Allied shares fall after offer for Lyons

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke  
Financial Editor

Allied Breweries' share price, which had gained ground on Wednesday when the big brewer realized £48m in cash for its stake in Trust Houses Forte, took the news of yesterday's bid for J. Lyons badly.

Terms from Allied are 11 ordinary shares for every six in Lyons. On the basis of Allied's overnight share price of 93p this offer put a value on Lyons of £70.2m yesterday morning.

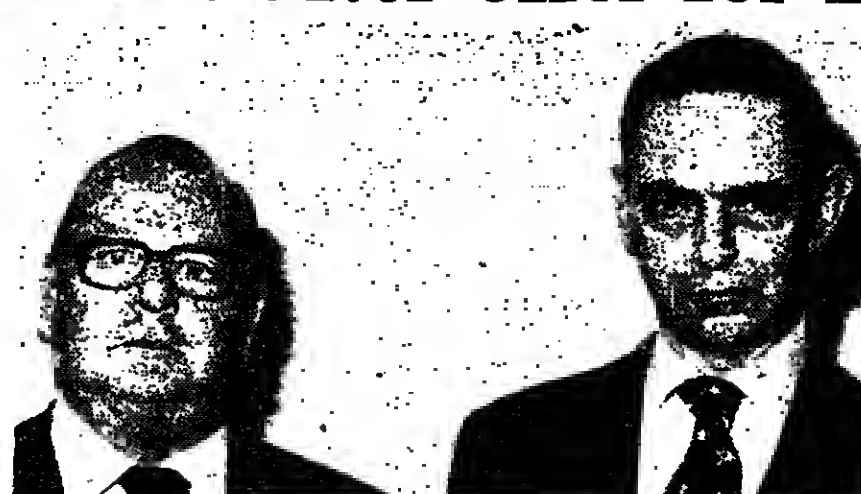
But during the day Allied's shares fell 9p to 84p, reducing the valuation on Lyons to £63.6m.

Nevertheless, the problems of Lyons during the past three years which caused its dash for overseas expansion in the early 1970s which it financed with mismatched overseas borrowings should mean that most Lyons' shareholders are happy that a bidder has emerged for the company.

Certainly, the largest institutional shareholder in Lyons, M & G, the unit trust management group, which holds about 15 per cent of the equity—a stake which has been substantially built up during the past 18 months—seemed content with the terms last night.

On the basis of the lower Allied price, Lyons' shares are valued at 154p each. In the market yesterday the shares gained 39p to 137p—a price which reflected nervousness about how Allied's shares will perform on Monday and some doubts about whether the bid will attract the attention of the monopolies authorities.

For Allied the attraction of Lyons is obvious. Mr Keith Showering, chairman of Allied, which is worth about £440m in the stock market, said that Lyons was being treated as a "recovery situation".



Mr Neil Salmon (right), chairman of J. Lyons & Co, and Mr L. Badham, managing director. Both are joining the Allied Breweries board.

Any expansion by Allied in its traditional business of beer and drinks would run up against monopoly problems, he said, whereas the acquisition of Lyons took Allied into new but not entirely unrelated areas.

Allied had been in contact with Lyons for some time. But the "trigger" for the present bid had been poor results by Lyons in June, when the company passed its final dividend payment and made it clear that recovery was not going according to plan.

But, as Mr Showering said yesterday, while Lyons had problems it still had

After a rights issue and enfranchisement of the non-voting shares in 1976 the interest and controlling stake of the founding Salmon and Gluckstein families at Lyons was entirely altered.

Family holdings are now put at only 41 per cent of the equity capital; named institutional holders account for a further 12 per cent and nominee holdings, including that of M & G, for 36 per cent.

So Lyons, partly because of its poor recent record, does not have a large institutional stake; 34 per cent of the entire capital is held by shareholders with fewer than 10,000 shares.

For Allied it has been an extraordinary week. It took a final decision on Wednesday to sell its 21.4 per cent stake in Trust Houses Forte which had been built up in 1971 during an unsuccessful takeover bid for TEF.

While this sale was going on Allied's board was deep in negotiations with Lyons, although Allied denied yesterday that the Lyons deal was contingent on selling the TEF stake.

Nevertheless, the £48m cash injection which Allied received obviously makes the Lyons deal more comfortable, though one reason why Allied's shares fell yesterday was that, after the TEF deal, the market had been pleased to see Allied reduce its debt equity ratio to around 50 per cent.

Lyons, with borrowings of £213m at the last count, will increase Allied's gearing to something over 70 per cent. But Allied is confident that Lyons' short-term plans for reducing borrowings are sound.

Two Lyons directors, Mr Neil Salmon, the chairman, and Mr L. Badham, the managing director, will join the Allied board.

### Mr Varley in more talks on airbus consortium

By Arthur Reed  
Air Correspondent

Britain moved a step further towards joining the European airbus consortium in talks in London yesterday between Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, M Joël le Theule, the French Minister of Transport, and Herr Martin Gruner, the West German Minister for Aerospace.

Their discussion may be seen as a continuation of similar contacts which were made recently in Paris and Bonn.

The Cabinet is anxious that Britain should join the airbus consortium to play a big part in the development of the E10, a 200-seat jet, but there are still serious stumbling blocks to entry.



Mr Eric Varley met French and German ministers.

### 450m bid for canners by R J Reynolds

J. Reynolds, the American tobacco company, has made a 450m (about £230m) takeover bid for Del Monte, the world's largest fruit and vegetable canning company.

The offer puts a value of \$38 for Del Monte shares up to 45 per cent of the company's outstanding stock. The rest would be an exchange of Reynolds shares.

Del Monte's earnings were \$55m on revenue of \$1,400m. Reynolds said the bid was expected to be completed by the end of the year.

There was reported to be surprise in the market at the size of the bid and the fact that there had been no indication of it earlier.

### 11,000 to go back at Chrysler and Leyland as disputes are settled

By R. W. Shakespeare

Two big car industry disputes which between them made more than 11,000 workers idle and stopped production in two major centres were settled yesterday.

At Chrysler's Lincoln plant in Scotland 550 workers returned to work after a three-day strike. The company and the union agreed to accept terms worked out between the company and national trade union leaders in three days of talks over the past 10 days.

Chrysler will now be able to reopen Lincoln on Monday after a three-week holiday shutdown. Before the holiday the plant had been closed for a fortnight by the plant shop dispute. Another 8,000 workers had been laid off and Chrysler's lost production of cars worth more than £20m.

Settlement of the strike, which was over the length of breaks allowed to men working in hot areas, followed intervention by the Government. A three-man ministerial team, Mr Eric Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry, Mr Harold Walker, the Minister of State for Employment, and Mr Stuart Millican, the Secretary of State for Scotland, called both sides in for talks at the Department of Industry early last week.

These led to a resumption of negotiations between Chrysler's executives and national leaders of the car unions. Earlier negotiations had broken down and intervention by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service had failed to bring about any progress.

This settlement comes at a crucial time for Chrysler's British operations, which have shown a net loss of £500,000 during the first half of this year. The American-owned company, which was involved in a £162m Government rescue package in 1975, has blamed its difficulties on increased labour troubles.

Before this latest strike, Mr Eugene Caffero, president of the Chrysler Corporation in the United States, had planned to visit Lincoln. It was suggested he wanted to make a personal appeal to the workers about low productivity and the effects of shop-floor disruption.

Mr Caffero called off his trip because he did not want to become directly involved in the strike, but he probably will now make fresh plans to come.

The second strike settled yesterday involved 45 transport drivers employed by British Road Services at Castle Bromwich. Their stoppage had prevented the movement of car bodies from Leyland's plant at Castle Bromwich to the assembly lines at Longbridge, Birmingham.

As a result Leyland had to lay off 1,400 assembly-line workers and another 300 in the associated engines plant.

The drivers had walked out in protest after hearing rumours that Leyland planned to employ drivers of its own to move components between Castle Bromwich and the assembly plants. However, after talks between shop stewards and the BRS management yesterday they voted to resume work.

### Montefibre urged to merge with Snia

From John Earle  
Rome, Aug 4

Signor Carlo Donat Cattin, the industry minister, is pressing for an early merger between Montefibre and Snia Viscosa, in a rationalization move which would produce a conglomerate with about 70 per cent of the Italian synthetic fibres market.

Montefibre, with a loss last year of 111,710m lire (£69.8m) was the worst afflicted member of the ailing Montedison chemical group. Montedison also has a shareholding of nearly 40 per cent in Snia Viscosa, which last year lost 47,133m lire.

In an interview today with the newspaper La Repubblica, Signor Donat Cattin gave a number of reasons for the move. The Government could authorize a capital increase for Montedison of 203,245m lire, approved by the Montedison board meeting last April.

The Government was prepared to give the green light to another proposal, approved by the shareholders' meeting, for a 175,000m lire bond issue, guaranteed by Montedison's gas fields. But as for approval for the capital increase, he told the interviewer: "Not yet."

Montedison, which had given up its shareholders in the past, must first make available its recovery plan, the minister said. "Then we want to see the Montefibre-Snia merger agreement finalized."

The Government, he added, also wanted to be sure Montedison stood by its joint commitment with SNIA to the manufacture of fibres plant at Otranto in central Sardinia, and wanted to see the agreement for chemical prices in operation.

The companies concerned have not made statements on the merger proposal, but they are known to have been under study. The urgency for rationalization of Italian synthetic fibres production will be all the greater if reports from Brussels are true that the agreement negotiated between major European manufacturers to limit output has broken down.

### Judis gain seat on IMF

Our US Economics  
Correspondent

Washington, Aug 4

Members of the International Monetary Fund have agreed to add a new seat to the board to give a place to Saudi Arabia.

The decision was made after a vote of 12 to 10. The new seat will be created for at least two years, although in the interim there could be a regrouping of delegations to the fund, which last year, said the size of the board eventually returning to 20 places.

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### INI may sell 34.6pc Seat stake to Fiat

Madrid, Aug 4.—Spain's state holding company INI (Instituto Nacional de Industria) is considering the sale of its 34.6 per cent stake in the car firm Seat to Italy's Fiat company.

Mr Miguel de la Riva, the INI Minister, was quoted as saying today.

Fiat already holds a 36 per cent share in Seat, Spain's biggest industrial employer, with a workforce of 32,000.

The Spanish Government has in the past opposed any move to allow control of Seat to pass out of Spanish hands. But in an interview with the Madrid newspaper Ya, Mr de la Riva said that next month the state holding company would have to decide whether or not to sell its Seat stake to Fiat.

Senor de la Riva said he saw no objection to the sale if this appeared to be the best solution and if Fiat provided guarantees on employment and production at Seat.

Seat's share of the Spanish market has dropped sharply in recent years to 30 per cent, because of strong competition from the other foreign producers in Spain, Renault, Citroën, Chrysler and Ford. The company already depends on Fiat for its technology.

### Oil-related Scottish jobs recast to drop by 22,000

th Sea oil-related jobs in Scotland could decline by as much as 22,000 during the next eight years, according to a report by Aberdeen University's department of economics.

The report, released yesterday, says that the result of a five-year period on the economic impact of the oil industry in Scotland, including oil and gas development, will have had a substantial impact on employment, income production in Scotland, the discovery of North Sea oil has been a significant improvement in the performance of Scotland's economy.

The report predicts that the present level of activity will continue into the early 1980s, but then fall as the development phase of the industry gives way to production.

The report, based on information available up to May last year, said that the oil industry has felt the greatest benefit in terms of employment.

This area, with less than 15 per cent of the total population of Scotland, is nearly 55 per cent of the country's oil-related jobs. Central Scotland with 75 per cent of the population has only 40 per cent of the jobs.

But although oil-related industries are paying higher wages in some areas, particularly the north-east, there has been no relative movement in wages paid by traditional local industries.

The report highlights two main issues—the need to increase Scottish involvement in off-shore export markets and to establish a substantial downstream oil and gas processing industry.

### What the markets moved

THE POUND		Bank	
		buy/sell	
Australia \$	1.73	1.73	1.67
Austria Sch	29.75	29.75	27.75
Belgium Fr	65.15	65.15	62.15
Canada \$	71.15	71.15	68.15
Denmark Kr	11.08	11.08	10.58
Finland Mkk	8.30	8.30	7.95
France Fr	8.74	8.74	8.34
Germany Dm	4.10	4.10	3.88
Greece Dr	71.25	71.25	67.25
Hong Kong \$	9.25	9.25	8.80
Italy Lr	1675.00	1675.00	1590.00
Japan Yn	387.00	387.00	362.00
Netherlands Gld	14.40	14.40	13.40
Norway Kr	10.65	10.65	10.20
Portugal Esc	88.50	88.50	83.50
S Africa Rd	1.91	1.91	1.78
Spain Ptas	151.00	151.00	144.00
Sweden Kr	8.60	8.60	8.25
Switzerland Fr	3.47	3.47	3.25
US \$	1.98	1.98	1.92
Yugoslavia Dnr	37.50	37.50	35.50

The Times index: 215.67-1.62  
The FT index: 497.2-2.7

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Gold sold \$1.25 an ounce to \$201.375.  
SDR-5 was 1.26276 on Friday.  
while SDR-4 was 0.654110.  
Commodities: Ruter's index was at 1422.8 (Previous 1422.8).  
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### Shipbuilding redundancy costs are likely to be twice as much as first estimated

By Our Industrial Editor

Estimates of the cost of the shipbuilding redundancies scheme have nearly doubled since the beginning of the year, according to a ministerial letter just placed in the Commons library.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Minister of State for Industry, disclosed in a letter to Mr Michael Givlis, vice-chairman of the Conservative industry committee, that a new assessment of the cost per 1,000 redundant workers receiving benefit under the scheme suggests a figure of £175,000.

This compares with an estimated £90,000 on the first and second readings of the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill.

Mr Kaufman said that the figure of £175,000 comes from a new assessment of weekly pay rates.

Mr Givlis is seeking more information about the reasons for the increase. Also, he is concerned at the terms of the scheme under which a nationalized industry is able to offer more generous redundancy payments than private yards and marine engineers with limited resources.

### Ross Foods decides to shut Hull fish products factory

By Ronald Kershaw

RossFish Ltd, a subsidiary of Ross Foods, last night announced plans for the closure of its plant in West Dock Street, Hull. About 300 people will be made redundant in October.

A statement from the company said: "This action has become necessary because of the declining volume of cured fish products upon which the factory has been heavily dependent, brought about as a result of the drastic reduction in the landings of herring in the United Kingdom in recent times, coupled with the escalation of costs of imported herring."

The company makes the point that the Ross Foods factory at Brighton Street, Hull, which deals with meat based frozen foods, is not affected by the closure proposals.

It is understood that employees at the plant have formed an action group to fight the closure. It may well be that they should direct their activities towards government departments, because it is known that RossFish has explored the possibility of applying for a temporary employment subsidy to keep the plant open, and has come to the conclusion that commercial common sense precluded this action.

It is further known, however, that if some other form of government assistance were forthcoming, the company would feel obliged to consider keeping the plant open.

### Italian state aid of £66m for petrochemical group

Italy's state credit corporation Mobilitare Italiano (IMI) approved yesterday an immediate capital injection of 120,000m lire (about £66m) for Societa Italiana Resine (SIR) SPA.

The financing was proposed on Wednesday by a consortium of SIR's creditor banks as part of a comprehensive plan to salvage the petrochemical group.

SIR will receive 400,000m lire of new capital under the plan, which also provides for management of the company to pass to a holding company controlled by the banks.

### Belgian Cabinet in discussions on the Budget

From Peter Norman  
Brussels, Aug 4

Belgium's Cabinet today began a meeting to complete the country's 1979 Budget against a background of continuing pressure on the Belgian franc in the European joint currency float.

The Cabinet, which is likely to continue its discussions until Sunday, is expected to decide against any increase in next year's budget deficit from this year's level of 80,000m francs (nearly £130m).

Draft Budget plans envisage government expenditure of 1,020,000m francs next year against revenues of 940,000m.

Belgium is one of the West European countries with the least scope for adopting a more expansionary economic policy. The franc has been under pressure for some weeks because of the public sector's large overall net borrowing requirement, which is expected this year to amount to 7.5 per cent of gross national product.

Last week, the Belgian National Bank raised its discount rate to 6 per cent from 5.5 per cent, but the increase in interest rates has so far failed to lift the franc off its floor against the Deutsche mark in the "snake".

Today the West German Federal Bank intervened at the midday fixing to buy 57m francs, and the Belgian National Bank was also believed to have supported the currency in Brussels.

### Good June weather boosts beer sales

Beer sales in June were up 3.9 per cent at 3.5 million bottles on the same month last year because of good weather, the Brewers Society said yesterday. Sales for the year to the end of June were up 4.2 per cent.

July sales are expected to be down because of poor weather.

### Turnover reduced but profit exceeds forecast

Points from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr W. Gardner

- Turnover for the year was £10,733,079 lower than 1976/7 by £2,822,447; due to very difficult trading conditions and fierce overseas competition.
- Profit of £763,585 (1976/7: £1,388,067) was £33,000 ahead of the forecast made at interim stage.
- Recommended final dividend 4.5375p. Together with the interim dividend of 1.815p paid on 23rd May 1978, this represents an increased distribution of 10%.
- Demand for the company's main products has been reasonable, but the availability of medium to long term credit for international trade must be improved. We are receiving very few enquiries for new equipment at home.
- There are some signs of a revival in demand for synthetic fibres machinery. Bulk transportation of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG & LPG) is likely to increase. We are doing our best to be ready to take our share of the opportunities to supply ancillary equipment for the next generation of gas carrying ships.
- Orders continue to show an upward, if uneven, trend. The order book has improved, although it remains below the high levels achieved in past years.

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## PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

## Money and the single girl

Women no longer work just for fun money. They have become an economic force in their own right and need specific guidance not only on where to put their spare cash but in planning their financial life-style. So, with the help of Christine Darley-Jones, of insurance brokers Sedgwick Forbes, we have looked at the finances of four women at different stages in their career. This week: the single woman.

Sue Braddell-Smith is a 29-year-old district nurse in the London borough of Camden. Her gross annual salary for tending all the needs of the local house-bound sick is a mere £4,178, which gives her about £270 take-home pay a month.

Rent and rates on her flat come to £70 a month and, from what remains, she has to run a car—essential for her work—pay the utility bills and clothes, feed and enjoy herself.

She saves little at the moment, but by cutting back she might be able to save between £30 and £40 a month.

Mrs Darley-Jones comments: "This is a typical picture of the young, single career woman whose circumstances may change quite rapidly. Initially, therefore, any savings should be made to provide the utmost flexibility, particularly with regard to providing future accommodation."

"It would be dangerous in Miss Braddell-Smith's case to plan savings on a long-term basis. If, for example, she moved to another area, the chances of finding rented accommodation at the price she now pays would be remote."

"She might well need to buy. Alternatively, it might just happen that she could be offered her present flat as a sitting tenant. In either case some capital would be required



Miss Sue Braddell-Smith: building society best for her savings.

and her monthly outgoings would probably increase. "So she should go for flexibility to be able to save a capital sum against a future house deposit and to give her the greatest number of options

if and when she were to apply for a mortgage. "Some £30 or £40 a month could be saved with the building societies, which offer a slightly higher rate of interest for regular monthly savings, or subscrip-

tion shares, as they are called. Currently, they 6.75 per cent (tax paid), or 1.25 per cent more than the recommended share rate.

"If this is spread among three societies her chance of obtaining a mortgage would improve, since the societies like their mortgage applicants to be existing investors. At a time when funds are restricted, this can be an important factor in any application for an advance."

"There are some schemes operated jointly by insurance companies and building societies which initially do not provide the flexibility which is so important in Miss Braddell-Smith's case."

"However, the returns over a slightly longer term are sufficiently attractive possibly to counteract this, for the following reasons:

"Because of the life cover provided by the insurance company, income tax relief is obtained on the premium. The cost of providing the life cover is deducted from the premium and the balance is then invested with a nominated building society."

"This has the advantage I have already pointed out, since the individual member of the joint scheme is an existing investor when it comes to a mortgage advance—in other words, preferentially."

"She should realize, though, that withdrawal from such a scheme within the first three years is not attractive as the involvement in one reduces the flexibility of her savings."

"It would be unwise to use this type of policy as a savings medium for the very short term, but if she can look 10 years ahead—a long time for a single woman—there are certain advantages."

"If tax relief is taken into account over the 10 years such policies run then the return to the basic rate tax payer is attractive."

"It is in excess of an equivalent gross yield of 13.5 per cent, though Miss Braddell-Smith need not wait 10 years to achieve the optimum rate. This comes after four complete years of the joint scheme, which is not too long for her to have her money tied up and a short enough period to plan for."

"The four-year yield would bring her an equivalent rate of 20 per cent plus on her investment."

However, even four years might be a strain and, rather than tie all her savings into such a scheme, why not put in, say, £20, and the residue—say £15—into a straightforward building society monthly savings account?

If she did this, Miss Braddell-Smith would have put in £796 over the period of the £20 a month, which would grow to £1,059 after four full years, at 6.75 per cent. During this time, she would also have life cover worth £2,000.

The residual £15 a month with the building society account at 6.95 per cent would yield £823.73.

Sue Braddell-Smith's position is an example of the attention that should be paid to savings and the single girl. As Mrs Darley-Jones emphasizes, there is no point in her tying up her money in long-term insurance. She is likely to need it before the term is up and would be in danger of losing out on such policies."

Basically, the building society is the answer. Next week: The Working Wife. Roger Beard

## Building societies

## A better deal for the higher earning wife?

The building society movement is such a monolithic organization and so complacent about the success at which it draws in money from the public and gives it out again to deserving house-buyers that it is little wonder that it has become one of the favourite targets for snipers and critics.

Some of the criticism, however, is justified; in particular, that which springs from the lordly attitude of building society branch managers and their particular brand of paternalism, which is so very well evidenced in a recent survey conducted by the Consumers' Association for the Equal Opportunities Commission.

In its two and a half years of existence the commission has fielded a variety of complaints about building societies, which taken up with the individual societies, have usually been remedied, with the explanation that the circumstances were exceptional and could never again be repeated.

However, as Lady Rowe, deputy chairman of the EOC, pointed out last week, not all instances of discrimination against women could be a "total accident". So the EOC attempted to find out how much substance there was in the persistent allegations that building societies did discriminate against women, despite its be-

ing an offence under the Sex Discrimination Act.

The cool, clinical approach of the Consumers' Association to the problem should dispel the attempts of building societies to shrug off the whole issue. The association's research techniques, based on the mortgage applications of couples with unisex jobs, but with sometimes the husband and sometimes the wife being the higher earner, have not been faulted by the societies—even those whose own branch offices appear to have let them down.

All the Consumers' Association did was to send well-heeled shoppers into 30 branches of large and small building societies. Sometimes the "husband" was the higher earner and the leg-work and sometimes the "wife". Both said they were 26 years old and purported to be laboratory technicians earning either £3,650 (just above the national average earlier this year) or £2,400, and with equal promotion prospects in each income band.

Now, as anyone who has recently acquired a mortgage will remember, building societies work on mysterious things called "multiples" when it comes to determining the size of mortgage each applicant may be offered. With married couples the formula is usually 2½ times one salary plus ½ the other

salary, or twice the joint salary. The key question was how many times the first formula failed to use the highest salary but automatically assumed that the husband's salary should form the main basis for the sums.

The Sex Discrimination Act does not prevent building societies from using a method of joint assessment which takes more account of one income than of the other. What is unlawful is to decide according to sex alone which of two incomes will be used as the main basis for the loan.

What is clear from the survey is that several branch offices of both large and small societies would have been in breach of the Act had the Consumers' Association's shoppers been genuine mortgage applicants.

In 28 per cent of cases where the wife was the higher earner building societies refused to take her income as the basis for calculating the mortgage; and in a further 10 per cent of cases the building society branches agreed to take her salary as the key one only after having been pressed to do so by the shopper.

Smaller building societies were more likely to be offenders than the large ones, although among the big ones the Woolwich Equitable and

the Cheltenham and Gloucester societies were singled out as being the most likely to discriminate against a couple with a higher-earning wife.

Praised as being the least likely to discriminate against the higher paid wife were the Alliance, Bradford and Bingley, Britannia and the Leeds Permanent building societies.

The financial consequences of the discrimination as shown by the survey were financially alarming. At the top end of the scale, it did not make too much difference: couples where the husband was the main breadwinner were offered a maximum loan of £15,000, or £14,550 when the earning capacity was reversed.

But at the other end of the scale, the discrepancy could have had created difficulties if the hypothetical couples had been seeking real mortgages. The lowest offered was £7,900 for the higher-income husband, but only £5,500 where the wife earned more.

The reason given for this discrimination—carried out knowingly in some cases, according to the survey—was consideration of the impact upon family finances that a future pregnancy might have. In other words, building society branch managers (contrary to their head office Building Society Association instructions which

have given advice about the implications of the Sex Discrimination Act) have been exercising discretion on behalf of people who are quite able to form their own judgement about the consequences of a large mortgage relying heavily upon the continuance of two incomes.

Obviously, some building society branch managers are inclined to argue that not all couples are sensible enough about their financial—not to mention family—planning. But the low level of repossession by societies—which occurs almost only when a marriage has broken up—must indicate more careful planning and forethought than some managers are apparently prepared to admit.

However, while paternalism, illegal as it may be, is likely to persist here and there, the simple solution for the minority of couples where the wife does earn more or may do so in the future, is to check on the lending policy of societies with which they may be intending to invest.

For societies the solution is equally simple. First, they must check that all branch managers are aware of the law. Secondly, why not abandon the two-income formula and replace it with a single multiple based on the aggregate of the salaries?

Margaret Stone

## Insurance

## When to take the benefits

Advice on the best policy for your needs abounds—but not so much about how and when to take the benefits.

In many cases cash will be needed at or near retirement, to supplement a pension, pay for a house (for those who have not bought one) or to meet a specific situation such as university fees, or the marriage of two daughters.

As a generalization, a traditional profit-sharing policy should not be surrendered before it becomes a claim (at one's death or the fixed maturity date), as the surrender value quoted by the life office is likely to be relatively poor.

With a regular premium unit-linked policy, it could pay to cash it in if the price of the units is standing at a high level. If the policy was arranged before March 19, 1968, the policy proceeds will not be subject to tax, although the life office will make a deduction for its contingent liability to tax on the capital gain. In many cases, this deduction is taken into account in the unit price.

If, however, a policy is linked to units in an authorized unit trust, this deduction probably will mean receipts of less than the market value of the units allocated to the policy.

If a regular premium "qualifying" policy issued after March 26, 1974, is surrendered within four years, there is a claw-back of some of the tax relief allowed on the premiums.

If a regular premium policy

arranged after March 19, 1968 is surrendered within 10 years of the outset, or three-quarters of the term if less, the amount of the gain (that is, proceeds, less the sum total of gross premiums), is subject to higher rate tax, less basic rate tax.

The actual number of gains is divided by the number of full years in force, and the resultant figure is added to income for the year in which the policy is surrendered—to establish the rate of tax. That rate is then applied to the whole of the gain.

Clearly, therefore, that is an important point for higher rate taxpayers.

The gains on single premium life policies arranged after March 19, 1968 are taxed in the same way as regular premium policies—as mentioned above. But any single premium policy arranged before that date is not subject to higher rate tax. As a result, a higher rate taxpayer needing cash who arranged a

single premium policy before that date will do best to cash such a policy, leaving in any later single premium policies—which can be cashed during retirement when, presumably, a lower rate of tax apply.

In the case of unit-linked single premium policies, it is sensible to year in which income is relatively low. If more one policy is held, it is best to spread the gains over a number of years to avoid a "peak" of taxable income in a single year. Certainly, instead of a large single premium policy, it is better to buy a number of smaller policies so as to be able to put that into practice in the course.

Most unit-linked single premium policies now on offer have an automatic withdrawal facility. Up to 5 per cent of the initial purchase price can be withdrawn each year for 20 years. No tax is payable at the time, but there is a set-up at encashment. Can score, therefore, not by deferring the tax liability but also by taking the "free" cash when paying a relatively high rate of tax, surrendering the policy (during retirement) when expects to be paying a low rate.

high rate taxpayer a single premium policy after March 19, 1968, there to a great extent is "let into" those contracts until tax rate drops—apart from automatic withdrawal facility.

John Drummond

## Investor's week

## City wreathed in smiles

Imagine if you will this little scene: dollars come under pressure because they keep falling in value and who knows holding melting chocolate? Few have confidence in a willing but weak President Carter doing much about the huge United States trade gap and the Americans are forced to hoist interest rates as part of a package to get their economy right.

At home, not one but three had sets of monthly trade figures to a row assailed the market, and the pound dives. Foreigners who hold lots of the time sign and say we have been here before. The Government, beset by cries from trade unions and others, about unemployment gives in to them and refiles. Confidence in the City and abroad collapses, the Government (as before) files into a panic, MFR goes to 15 per cent, and on go the brakes.

This sequence, or something like it, would assuredly send the FT index back to 400, and it is a measure of the change of mood this week that it has climbed from 492.1 to 499.9 before subsiding slightly to 497.

All this pointing up to the 500 mark—the FT-Actuaries All-Share index actually made it to new high ground—has set many City faces shining. Yet this change of mood, though palpable, is also delicate. At the moment things are going right, but they could so easily go wrong.

Nothing did more to reassure City folk than the post-Budget measures to bring the money stock under control again. The satellite well exchanges, and a strong buying mood in Wall Street will soon

MAIN CHANGES OF THE WEEK					
Rises					
Year's High	Year's Low	Company	Change	Comment	
705p	583p	Beecham	23p to 700p	Market trend	
340p	272p	Chesterfield	25p to 340p	Interest rate hopes	
167p	116p	Redland	12p to 167p	Good report	
457p	310p	Sedgwick F.	20p to 455p	Brokers circulars	
382p	308p	Thom	12p to 380p	Confident accounts	
Falls					
390p	275p	Hoover	15p to 275p	Bad quarterly	
398p	308p	IC Gas	20p to 370p	Div plans dashed	
215p	155p	Ladbroke	3p to 155p	Casino fears	
132p	79p	Antonia	3p to 127p	Interim dull	
175p	127p	Dixons Photo	11p to 142p	Figs disappoint	

go on issuing lumps of gilt edged and so fund its borrowing this year.

This past week has seen gilt-edged but it is a tranquility that can be so easily reified. Nothing would more speedily undermine it than the highest on record, but this from trade unionists and successful businessmen to reflate in order to bring down the number of jobless. If the Government is seen to be taking the wraps off bank lending to industry without visibly cutting back elsewhere, there will be tremors.

If the City is obsessed by monetarism it is also being remarkably sanguine about the United States dollar. This week Wall Street business went to the highest on record, but this huge trading on a rising market was attributed to a conviction that interest rates have peaked.

Other exchanges do not ignore Wall Street for long. It is more or less a Jupiter satellite, and a strong buying mood in Wall Street will soon

affect dollars held elsewhere. So far so good, but what the United States plan to do about its imbalance in trade with the rest of the world, the reply runs, American economy will be down of its own accord, a matter of cutting imports.

Stagflation could easily a higher United States interest rates within months, not in which case they would like a magnet on our own. It would be unfortunate if the Confederation of British Industry's Sir Ray Pen (an ICI man, incidentally) us this week that the out for business was neither nor green but yellow.

Sir Ray was commenting the latest quarterly CBI of industrial trends. It is that recovery in manufacturing is patchy. At the end of week, then, buyers were numbering sellers and may it stay that way.

Peter Wainwright

## Grouse

No complaint or grievance has been so persistently raised over so long a period as that against the delays, frustrations and expense involved in excessive bureaucracy. Yet it would also seem no other complaint is made with so little effect.

Here is a carefully documented example, supplied by the National Federation of Housing Associations.

The city treasurer demands payment of void rates from the housing association holding empty property awaiting improvement. The housing association applies to the housing department for a loan to cover the cost. It has to supply evidence of why the house is being kept empty.

When the housing department has checked the information it approves a loan and requests the local authority's department of administration to request a sanction for the loan from the Department of the Environment.

When the DoE agrees, it tells the administration department, and the administration department tells the housing department, and the housing department tells the city treasurer, and the city treasurer pays the housing association, which can then pay the money straight back to him as rates.

Nor is the daft tale finished then, for next the housing association asks the DoE for a grant to cover the sum it has paid. Of course, the application does not go direct. It has to go through both the housing department and the administration department, but when it is duly processed the DoE pays the city treasurer back the amount of the loan with which the rates have been paid.

I find two contrasting attitudes towards value added tax, some people fear the VAT bogymen unnecessarily, as I explained two weeks ago; others can imagine no problems at all.

"Our VAT is quite simple. We only sell at one rate and our invoices are straighter. We have never had any problems. No help needed thank you." If such complacency is yours, too, the following stories should set you thinking.

Margit Hollad is a self-employed teacher training at "The Tutor Centre" but she is also a part-time examiner for The Royal Society of Arts.

Mrs Hollad started working for the RSA while still a teacher, and she has been a long before VAT began. When after setting up her teaching centre, she registered for VAT, she probably did not give her RSA fees a second thought.

The surprise came three years later when the Customs asked for tax on them. The RSA very likely could not recover VAT even if Mrs Hollad had a legal right to ask for it in arrears.

Mrs Hollad defeated the Customs by convincing a VAT tribunal that her arrangements with the RSA had the characteristics of a contract of employment; but it was a narrow squeak. Should the Customs appeal to the High Court, it may be narrower still.

The popularity of sailing has meant new sales for a company called Trailer Engineers (Mechanical Services). They make a coupling and a small winch, which are just right for attaching to boat trailers.

Initially, however, the products were not designed for this particular market and before they were discovered by boat owners they were in use on trailers on farms and estates and for a wide variety of other purposes.

Thumbing through his rule book one day, an eagle-eyed Customs officer must have realized that the company's products were "suitable" for attaching to boat trailers. Now boats, and boat trailers, are higher rated and so are spare parts and apparatus for use with them.

When confronted with this dispute the VAT tribunal restricted the meaning of suitable to "adapted to or designed for", but this has

## Taxation

## Where small business might walk the VAT tightrope

To the third of his weekly articles on value added tax, John Price looks at traps for the unwary.

been overthrown by the High Court, to whom the Customs appealed. Presumably, the company must now account for the difference between standard and higher rate on all its previous sales.

The "Sietron" alarm for the elderly or infirm: it is worn like a wrist watch and if the wearer needs help quickly he or she pulls out a miniature antenna. This transmits a signal which sets off an alarm at the receiver up to 100 metres away. Many of these devices are being sold to social service departments.

Now you might think that this would be zero rated as medical equipment; if you were knowledgeable about such matters, you would know this to be so only if the product was supplied on prescription. Surely over a thousand silicone chips could it be a radio transmitter subject to the higher rate. Customs said it was and have just won their case.

Here are a few more problems. Many retailers pay too much tax because, not understanding how the schemes work, they choose one which, though legal, does not suit their business. There is no right to correct this retrospectively.

Are you about to culminate years of effort with a royalty agreement worldwide for the exploitation of some invention, a book or a play, or perhaps your own services? What about VAT on the royalties? Frame your contract wrongly

and you will be caught on the whole income, over mind where it is earned.

Are you a manufacturer, who issues a guarantee with his product to refund the cost of repairs should it go wrong? If you pay the retailer not the retail customer VAT will work against you as well as the product.

Investing in a canal boat to charter one of the companies who will sell holidays on it for you? Do it one way, if you wish to include the transactions in a VAT registration and recover the input tax; the other if you wish to stay out of the VAT net.

You always obtain, and retain invoices showing the input VAT which you reclaim, do you not? But are these invoices always in your name? The owner of a hairdressing salon could not obtain supplies of certain products direct from the manufacturer because the latter refused to give him an agency. So, encouraged by the manufacturer's own salesman, he bought through another salon along the road which did have the agency. Naturally the invoices were in the name of the other salon.

You cannot reclaim VAT, said the Customs, because your friend along the road is not registered with us; the VAT cannot pass through him even if he does issue his own invoice to you.

Perhaps you have two different VAT registrations; say a partnership and a limited company, each of which provides services to the other. No doubt you had good reasons for separating the legal ownership of the two businesses, but have you checked the impact of VAT?

Any charges you make between the two businesses are subject to VAT. If one of them happens to be partially exempt it may not be able to recover all its input tax; if on the charges from the registered company, it can't claim the VAT on the charges from the registered business.

Still think VAT is simple? I have been campaigning for some practical measures which the Customs could and should take to make life easier for both you and me. I think you ought to join me in pressing for them. More about this next week.

## Unit trusts

## Japanese funds show Eastern promise

According to the general view among the largest unit trust management groups at the beginning of the year, 1978 was to be the year of unit trusts moving money to smaller United Kingdom companies or Wall Street if you wanted the most profitable investment return. At this point "eastern promise" went unmentioned.

However, unit trusts investing in the Far East are dominating the top of the performance tables for the first seven months of this year. In fact, these funds take the top eight places and all but two, M & G Far Eastern and Henderson International, have at least a third of their holdings in Japan. This is a far cry from the position last year when these funds were to be found among the worst performers. But it confirms the belief, strongly held by some investors, that last year's losers are this year's best buys.

Basically, there are two types of unit trusts through which investors can get a stake in Japan. There are at present four funds which invest exclusively, or almost exclusively, in the Japanese stock market. Alternatively the investor can spread his risks through a unit trust that includes other countries in the Far East. Hong Kong usually makes up for the majority of the remaining portfolio, although Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and the Philippines often feature to a lesser degree.

These funds change the amount of their commitment to any particular country according to their comparative investment merits at the time. However, as Britannia points out, they will always have a reasonable holding in Japan as in terms of size of world stock markets it takes second place to Wall Street.

The best performing unit trust this year is Garmore Far Eastern. The managers are holding 35 per cent of the money available for investment in Japan with a further 45 per cent invested in Hong Kong. While the New Tokyo SE Index has seen a rise of 15 per cent over the period, the Hang Seng has been the free-runner, in-

## UNIT TRUSTS WITH A SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION OF THEIR HOLDINGS IN JAPAN

Name	Size of fund	Exposure to Japan	Performance to August 1, 1978		
			% rise on offer to date	% rise on offer to date	% rise on offer to date
Allied Hambro Pacific	£5.5m	45	55.8	47.4	—
Antony Gibbs Far East & General	£0.3m	60	25.8	9.5	—
Britannia Far East	£0.4m	42	39.3	35.9	40.8
Cruscent Tokyo	£2.5m	100	New fund	—	—
Garmore Far Eastern	£2.5m	35	81.1	44.2	—
G.T. Japan & General	£5.2m	95	55.3	51.0	138.0
Henderson Far East Asia	£5.5m	72	45.9	36.8	123.3
M & G Japan	£6m	95	44.4	30.9	81.4
St. Paul Far Eastern	£0.4m	95	29.3	25.2	—
S & P Japan Growth	£18m	100	39.5	25.0	74.4
FT All Share Index			6.8	25.1	102.4
FT Industrial Ordinary Index			3.1	15.3	93.4

\* Source: Planned Savings

creasing by around 50 per cent. The 50 per cent rise in the dollar premium also has benefited investors in overseas unit trusts. Just how much this will be reflected in the fund will depend on the trusts' methods of financing its foreign currency.

A common policy is to invest half through the volatile dollar premium; with the other half by means of a back-to-back currency loan.

In fact, the performance of its Far East trust has been curtailed to a certain extent, as only 30 per cent is invested through the dollar premium. Similarly, Antony Gibbs Far East fund, the early performance of which was marred as a result of a relatively large exposure to Far Eastern currencies weakened against the yen, is also weighted towards a currency loan.

Fund managers are reporting that money has started to come into these trusts to the last month or so. Evidence that demand is there comes from the new Crescent Tokyo Fund. Sales of units attracted over £2 within two weeks of the launch of the trust in June. However, M & G is seeing some profit taking by unit holders in the Japan & General unit trust. When investing in Japan,

managers place the main emphasis on shares in the domestic market. There are two reasons for this. First, the domestic market accounts for between 85 per cent and 90 per cent of the economy while at the same time Japan has pledged itself to a policy



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## FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

vel insurance



chance of legal redress for these holidaymakers delayed at Gatwick by an industry dispute.

## Hazards for travellers

your travel insurance policy against not getting on time for that vital 15? As thousands of us abroad have discovered, the answer is no.

It is a fact that 15 is a time covered for personal accidents, baggage or money, or loss of your holiday. It is back any guarantee individuals would be held to the United Kingdom in the date specified on the policy.

The dozen of the travel company, Thomas Cook and Son, is: "It is a matter of fact on both sides. We try the client back as best as we can, but if an individual on being back at a special time will have to pay extra cost."

effect, this means that the woman booked out on a return flight and who, the regulations must not return through the same air, will have to foot the bill for the return through a different airline.

other big tour operators' runs a special

emergency desk during the summer from in its Peterborough headquarters. The staff can iron out most difficulties, but they cannot reimburse you for any loss you may suffer through late arrival from your holiday.

The company operates its own contingency fund, with £50,000 available for its global operation at any one time. But they cannot insure for late arrival through other people's industrial action.

To protect yourself against losing that house you wanted to buy or any other business deal through delay, or even having your pay docked, you must take out a separate contingency insurance.

There are few brokers prepared to write such high-risk business, and those that will are usually concerned with specific events where the non-appearance of the party inevitably results in costly cancellation.

Brokers Cyril Dugdale, of Hodge General and Mercantile, regularly provides cover over a 24-hour period for executives whose non-appearance at a seminar or

meeting would simply ruin the event.

Provided there is no dispute going on at the time the insurance is negotiated, the premium will be from 3 to 21 per cent of the sum insured.

At the top of the market, this means that you pay out £30 for each £1,000 your non-arrival will cost you. For a normal holidaymaker hoping to sell a property, say, for a £10,000 profit, that entails some £300 in addition to the holiday costs.

Judging whether or not such an outlay is necessary to cover delay which is not the fault of the person taking out the insurance is difficult. Just how do you judge the value of that job interview you were granted for a job you might then have been given?

The answer is you cannot and, as the law stands, you have no legal redress against a tour operator or carrier should the interview fall through.

Uninsured, you are totally in the hands of the operator and their willingness to get you home on time.

## Stock markets

## Equities retreat in quiet trading

After coming within a whisker of breaching the 500 level, the FT Ordinary share index fell back yesterday to draw breath.

Profit-taking at the end of the account and news of a £70m agreed takeover bid of J. Lyons by index stock, Allied Breweries, left the market easier and, by the close, the index had shed 2.7 to close at 497.2.

The net gain on the account amounts to 18 points. However, the underlying sentiment remains firm and there is still plenty of talk about shares going ahead strongly again in the new account.

Gas & Oil acreage, currently traded at around 103p under rule 163, seems ready to come to market for a full quote. The shares are fully paid and the Buchan Field, in which it has a 5 per cent interest, has recently been upgraded. However, the group denied last night that it was on the verge of applying for a listing. Although the situation is under constant review, any flotation will not get under way for several months yet.

Gilt had a quiet day following the unchanged M.L.R. Thursday. In shorts, after opening steady, stocks gradually firmed throughout the session to end with gains of

around an eighth. At the longer end, in uneventful trade, rises amounted to around a sixteenth by the close.

J. Lyons proved to be the share of the day with its 39p leap to 137p, after 145p, while Allied slumped 9d to 84p.

Elsewhere, Unilever at 532p, and ICI at 389p shed 6p, GEC lost 5p to 276p and Courtaulds eased 3p to 121p. GKN lost 2p to 244p while Fisons at 273p and Boots at 222p held steady.

Reed International, following first-quarter figures on Thursday, also marked time at 153p but Honeywell continued to tumble losing a further 15p to 275p.

End-of-account profit-taking

hit Pilkingtons which slipped 7p to 578p.

Disappointing results from Adams & Gibbons left the shares 4p easier at 80p, but ahead of figures next week.

Herrn climbed 13p to 144p, while Lex added 21p to 90p and Dutton Forshaw firmed 2p to 51p.

Armstrong Equipment slipped a penny to 235p following its dividend announcement while News International made a token rise of 2p on the Sun settlement. By the close, however, the shares were 3p lower at 273p.

Comment on EMI slipped 2p from the shares at 148p while, in a thin market, Decca "A" climbed 20p to 460p.

Speculative buying added 13p to United Scientific at 335p, 5p to Simpson "A" at 108p and 2p to MAM at 92p.

In stores, Bourne & Hollingsworth, after the end-of-account shake-out climbed 3p to 207p, while Grant Brothers added 7p to 107p and UDS firmed 5p to 102p. A bear-squeeze at Birtan added 5p to the "A" shares at 149p.

Compton, Sons & Webb added 2p in 47p following bid

talks with Vantona, which held steady at 127p.

In oils, BP at 832p and Shell at 533p lost 12p while Thomson fell 10p to 265p after a bearish circular from brokers Wood, Mackenzie.

Bankers went easier with the "Big Four" registering falls of up to 5p, while insurances were generally steady.

Stock Exchange transactions during July amounted to £3,299m, against a June total of £13,632m. Of this, ordinary

ICI is either not doing too well or it is no longer, as the phrase goes, the bell-weather of the market. Over the week it has fallen 3p to 389p while most lenders are usefully ahead.

Second-quarterly figures are due next month and some are already saying that ICI still finds trade patchy, just like the CBI the other day.

share turnover totalled £1,618m, compared to £1,553m.

Equity turnover on August 3 was £106,044m (19,505 shares). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Shell, BP, J. Lyons, GEC, ICI, RTZ reg, Allied Breweries, Grand Metropolitan, Becham, K. Shoes, Distillers, Reed International, Yorkshire Chemicals and Thomson Organisation.

## Latest results

Company	Sales	Profits	Earnings	Div	Pay	Year's
per unit	£m	£m	per share	pence	pence	total
Adams & Gibbons (1)	10,319.94	0.23(0.26)	—	1.75(0.87)	22/9	—
Brit Amer & Gen (1)	—	0.89(0.75)	—	0.72(0.65)	4/10	—
Seamouth Prop (1)	—	—	—	1.17(1.15)	2/10	—
Embroidered (1)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Crystalline (Hedges) (1)	3,472.02	0.36(0.19)	1.44(1.12)	—	—	0.65
Glasgow Stock (1)	—	0.28(0.25)	—	1.0(0.85)	—	—
S. Pearson (1)	—	—	—	3.0(2.0)	9/10	—
Phoenix Timber (F)	33.8(37.3)	0.11(2.35)	2.7(7.34)	2.29(1.8)	—	4.3(3.8)
Sell America (F)	—	—	—	4.25(2.5)	—	—
Walsham's (F)	2.2(3.73)	0.59(0.50)	1.7(10.5)	2.3(2.1)	—	4.0(3.6)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net.

## Audiotronic dragged into the red by French losses

By Rosemary Unsworth

Audiotronic Holdings, which owns the Leskey, chain of hi-fi stores, has reported a loss of £12.8m for the period ending March 4, 1978. These results, for 61 weeks, are against profits of £12.5m over the previous financial year.

The sudden plunge into the red was caused by the group's heavy losses in France after it took over the rental of 30 outlets of King Musique, a failed hi-fi chain, last year.

The move cost Audiotronic £1.7m and the group decided to pull out last February. It was forced to raise £1.5m in new capital and the chairman, Mr Derek Smith, was replaced by a Bradford mortgage and western funds, Mr Geoffrey Rose.

It was the third time Mr Rose became chairman of a troubled company by buying preference shares. Earlier this year he moved into Change

Ware, a constructor of wire-mesh fittings and Creflon Holdings, an electronics company.

The French setback means that Audiotronic's dividends are being slashed. It is paying only 0.28p gross, compared with 5.0p gross for 1976.

The board has also waived its rights to dividends on its beneficial holding of over three million ordinary shares.

Mr Rose says that retail sales are showing few signs of the predicted boom at present, but the October-to-December quarter is the really crucial trading time, and while 1978-79 is expected to be profitable it is too early in the year to make a forecast.

"Had it not been for the unfortunate affair in France the company would have been profitable", he said.

## Aviation upswing at M.L. Higgs

By Our Financial Staff

Pre-tax profit of the Slough-based aircraft and engineering group, M.L. Higgs, showed a 39 per cent increase from £508,000 to a record £708,000 for the year to March 31, 1978.

The group is proposing a final dividend of 4.1847p gross, against 4.3077p gross, making a maximum dividend of 6.436p gross, against 5.8460p gross. This is the maximum permissible under current legislation.

ML Aviation, which accounts for over half the group's business, had a considerably increased level of activity during the year. An additional office is being opened in Bristol to meet research and development requirements, says the group's chairman, Mr Ralph Price.

The group also hopes to manufacture up to 20,000 cast iron piano frames a year at its Crown Foundry in Northampton.

## Phoenix Timber figures slump but dividend up

Fierce competition for business and depression in the building industry has resulted in a sharp drop in pre-tax profits for Phoenix Timber from £2,349m to £1,111,000 for the year to March 31, 1978.

However, the board is recommending a final dividend of 3.42p gross, against 2.73p gross, giving a total of 6.40p—the maximum allowed—against 5.87p gross for the previous year.

It is proposing this dividend increase despite the slump in profits because it believes the trading setback is only temporary.

A loss of £409,000 in the second half of the year after a profit of £520,000 in the first half was due to continuing depression in the building industry and to the fierce competition for available business which reduced sales and margins, says the board.

Selling prices and stock

values were further affected by the recovery in the sterling exchange rate and the necessary provisions have been made against stockholdings at the year-end, says the board.

But timber selling prices have shown some recovery and the group has returned to profitability. In the first quarter of the current year the group's profits were increased by 10 per cent compared with the same period last year.

Phoenix, which was disappointed in its hopes for a revival in the building industry this year, does not have the broader interests of rival, Montague Meyer, to support it when there is fierce competition. The pre-tax profits of another timber group, International Timber Corporation, also slid from £6.5m to £5.6m for the year ending April 1, 1978, reflecting the industry's problems.

British operations both doing well. However, Australian operations are still unsatisfactory.

## Briefly

PEARSON LONGMAN

Board has declared an interim dividend of 4.47p gross compared with 2.65p gross for the previous year. Documents on proposed offer by S. Pearson to be sent in August.

S. PEARSON

Interim dividend 4.47p gross declared for half-year to June 30, compared with 3.0p gross, because of proposed acquisition of minority interests in subsidiary, Pearson Longman.

MERCEZ CLEARED

Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, has decided, on the information at present before him, not to refer the proposed merger between Newman Foods and Ecom to the Monopolies Commission.

PHILIP HARRIS (HOLDINGS)

Mr H. N. Russell, chairman, reports in his annual statement that with the promising intake of orders from both home and overseas for the year to date and with still better productivity, the board can look with confidence for improvements in profits in the current year.

DELTA EXPANDE

Refugees Appliances, a member of the Delta Group, has acquired the assets and undertaking of Paragon, a packaged air conditioning business. The transfer of the business from Hall Thermotek Products to Refugees Appliances is expected to be completed by early next year.

ROTAPRINT

Directors are guardedly optimistic about prospects, but, given a fair wind, a successful year is expected.

GEORGE EWER

Group continues to trade satisfactorily with growth in profit and turnover. Board forecasts pre-tax profits of £1.2m for nine-month account, against £1.0m for whole of 1977.

CHLORIDE GROUP

Group has made good start in current year with European and

TRIPLE FOUNDRIES

With first quarter under its belt, group has been able to hold its own and there are indications of a slight improvement from some sectors of industry.

HEADLAM, SIMS AND COGGINS

Sandelson and Company announce that as a result of the rights issue of 339,333 new ordinary shares to existing shareholders, firm acquisitions were received from a total of 422 shareholders for 303,320 shares.

AGB RESEARCH

Group's subsidiary AGB Publications is expected to make satisfactory profit for year to April 30, and board believes that this creation of publishing resources holds out prospect of major contribution to AGB's future growth objectives.

MAY &amp; HASSELL

First three months of current year were encouraging. Turnover in date is slightly ahead of last year's.

LENNONS GROUP

Financially, the group has never been stronger. Outlook for current year is more encouraging as management accounts reveal enhanced food margins which will lead to greater profitability.

GEC

Following passing of 1978 Dividend Act, dividend of 0.49p gross has been invalidated. Board will now recommend final of 3.0p gross, making 6.02p.

WATSHAM'S LTD

Turnover for year to March 31, fell from £3,72m to £2.2m, but pre-tax profit rose from £507,000 to £591,000. Total gross dividend, 6p (5.49p). If free to do so, board intends to pay higher dividends in future.

BRITISH AMERICAN &amp; GENERAL TRUST

Total gross revenue for half-year to June 30 up from £752,000 to £884,000. Net earnings per ordinary share, 0.87p (0.82p). Interim dividend, gross, 1.08p (0.98p).

SCOTTISH UNITED INVESTORS

Gross revenue for half-year to June 30, £2.0m (£1.97m). Net revenue, £863,000 (£770,000).

## ish you were home again?

creasing number of those going to the Continent on (and on business) are d with an emergency as well as having travel insurance.

er in the holiday season t to Croydon to see Assistance, which caters largest number of British holidaymakers on the rot. This year it expects ide cover for nearly one people. Fortunately, to 2 per cent of those are enrolled have to ne its control room.

y of the calls for help e life and death affairs, sive enough for those ned. For instance, the may be asked to fly out e pair of glasses, or con- sses, for the only in a family party. It is to take spares.

from experience, it s that the family money be spread around the otherwise, it can be if the whole lot is lost on at the same time.

afternoon before my ere had been an acci- Minorca. Two families ed a car and gone over A wasp or bee had come gh the car window and ag to get rid of it the was temporarily

mately, nobody had Ned. A two-year-old boy own out of the car as it rawn and was found y later, after his regained consciousness ed about him.

of the party, including 1, needed to be got quickly or they would

have had to have operations in Minorca and remain there for some weeks—with all the complications of not being able to speak the language and the parents having to stay there with the child.

While I was in Croydon, Europ Assistance was making the final arrangements for repatriation the following day. A BAC1-11 aircraft had been chartered and would be fitted out with thousands of pounds worth of medical equipment—kept permanently in readiness for this type of occasion.

The organization's chief medical adviser, another doctor and two nurses would be flying out to pick up the party and bring them back.

In the event, everything went smoothly: the aircraft was back at Lymington an hour before the scheduled departure. The injured took the injured to National Health Service hospitals near their homes, with which, of course, prior arrangements had been made. At that point, Europ Assistance's responsibilities ended.

As the aircraft was going out, Europ Assistance took the opportunity to bring back some other patients at the same time. It might even have taken patients from this journey on the outward journey as it works with the Europ Assistance group of companies on the Continent and copes when their members run into trouble in this country.

One can think of air ambulance costs literally in tens of pounds sterling per mile, compared with a gross payment of £250 per person for a holiday of six to twelve days. Surely, as in other areas of

insurance, there tends to be some cutting of corners to keep down costs?

I was assured that the side of the organization handling the emergencies and repatriation cases is not allowed to prejudice the interests of a patient from a cost point of view. Obviously, if your injury is minor and you can be brought home by a scheduled air service, with two or three seats taken out, that is what will be arranged for you and not a fully equipped air ambulance.

If, however, your case is serious, cost is quite rightly not a major factor. It is for that reason that Europ Assistance, unlike other arrangements, where the repatriation cost has to be met from the cost applicable to medical expenses and so on, does not impose any limits on repatriation costs which can be incurred.

Nevertheless, despite the costs involved in repatriating serious cases, there are offers. In the case outlined above, if the patient had been brought home by a scheduled air service, with two or three seats taken out, that is what will be arranged for you and not a fully equipped air ambulance.

Most Britons are also likely to be much happier, and therefore likely to recover more quickly, in a British hospital close to home where they can be visited by friends and relations instead of being in a foreign hospital, hundreds of miles from home, where there may be severe language problems.

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and income funds (progress this year and the past three years). Index 1978.27, change from January 1978 10.7%.

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Capital	43.0	200.9	13.7	78.2	29.3	125.3	29.1	116.1	27.6	79.9	27.0	104.2	36.3	139.8	26.2	78.2	25.4	133.2	25.2	80.2	24.8	116.0	24.6	81.0	24.4	117.8	24.2	114.4	24.0	115.5	23.8	114.9	23.5	114.1	23.2	113.7	23.0	113.4	22.8	113.1	22.5	112.8	22.2	112.5	22.0	112.1	21.8	111.9	21.5	111.6	21.2	111.3	20.9	111.0	20.6	110.7	20.3	110.4	20.0	110.1	19.7	109.8	19.4	109.5	19.1	109.2	18.8	108.9	18.5	108.6	18.2	108.3	17.9	108.0	17.6	107.7	17.3	107.4	16.9	107.0	16.6	106.7	16.3	106.4	15.9	106.0	15.6	105.7	15.3	105.4	14.9	105.0	14.6	104.7	14.3	104.4	13.9	104.0	13.6	103.7	13.3	103.4	12.9	103.0	12.6	102.7	12.3	102.4	11.9	102.0	11.6	101.7	11.3	101.4	10.9	101.0	10.6	100.7	10.3	100.4	9.9	100.0	9.6	99.7	9.3	99.4	8.9	99.0	8.6	98.7	8.3	98.4	7.9	98.0	7.6	97.7	7.3	97.4	6.9	97.0	6.6	96.7	6.3	96.4	5.9	96.0	5.6	95.7	5.3	95.4	4.9	95.0	4.6	94.7	4.3	94.4	3.9	94.0	3.6	93.7	3.3	93.4	2.9	93.0	2.6	92.7	2.3	92.4	1.9	92.0	1.6	91.7	1.3	91.4	0.9	91.0	0.6	90.7	0.3	90.4	0.0	90.1	0.0	89.7	0.0	89.4	0.0	89.1	0.0	88.7	0.0	88.4	0.0	88.1	0.0	87.7	0.0	87.4	0.0	87.1	0.0	86.7	0.0	86.4	0.0	86.1	0.0	85.7	0.0	85.4	0.0	85.1	0.0	84.7	0.0	84.4	0.0	84.1	0.0	83.7	0.0	83.4	0.0	83.1	0.0	82.7	0.0	82.4	0.0	82.1	0.0	81.7	0.0	81.4	0.0	81.1	0.0	80.7	0.0	80.4	0.0	80.1	0.0	79.7	0.0	79.4	0.0	79.1	0.0	78.7	0.0	78.4	0.0	78.1	0.0	77.7	0.0	77.4	0.0	77.1	0.0	76.7	0.0	76.4	0.0	76.1	0.0	75.7	0.0	75.4	0.0	75.1	0.0	74.7	0.0	74.4	0.0	74.1	0.0	73.7	0.0	73.4	0.0	73.1	0.0	72.7	0.0	72.4	0.0	72.1	0.0	71.7	0.0	71.4	0.0	71.1	0.0	70.7	0.0	70.4	0.0	70.1	0.0	69.7	0.0	69.4	0.0	69.1	0.0	68.7	0.0	68.4	0.0	68.1	0.0	67.7	0.0	67.4	0.0	67.1	0.0	66.7	0.0	66.4	0.0	66.1	0.0	65.7	0.0	65.4	0.0	65.1	0.0	64.7	0.0	64.4	0.0	64.1	0.0	63.7	0.0	63.4	0.0	63.1	0.0	62.7	0.0	62.4	0.0	62.1	0.0	61.7	0.0	61.4	0.0	61.1	0.0	60.7	0.0	60.4	0.0	60.1	0.0	59.7	0.0	59.4	0.0	59.1	0.0	58.7	0.0	58.4	0.0	58.1	0.0	57.7	0.0	57.4	0.0	57.1	0.0	56.7	0.0	56.4	0.0	56.1	0.0	55.7	0.0	55.4	0.0	55.1	0.0	54.7	0.0	54.4	0.0	54.1	0.0	53.7	0.0	53.4	0.0	53.1	0.0	52.7	0.0	52.4	0.0	52.1	0.0	51.7	0.0	51.4	0.0	51.1	0.0	50.7	0.0	50.4	0.0	50.1	0.0	49.7	0.0	49.4	0.0	49.1	0.0	48.7	0.0	48.4	0.0	48.1	0.0	47.7	0.0	47.4	0.0	47.1	0.0	46.7	0.0	46.4	0.0	46.1	0.0	45.7	0.0	45.4	0.0	45.1	0.0	44.7	0.0	44.4	0.0	44.1	0.0	43.7	0.0	43.4	0.0	43.1	0.0	42.7	0.0	42.4	0.0	42.1	0.0	41.7	0.0	41.4	0.0	41.1	0.0	40.7	0.0	40.4	0.0	40.1	0.0	39.7	0.0	39.4	0.0	39.1	0.0	38.7	0.0	38.4	0.0	38.1	0.0	37.7	0.0	37.4	0.0	37.1	0.0	36.7	0.0	36.4	0.0	36.1	0.0	35.7	0.0	35.4	0.0	35.1	0.0	34.7	0.0	34.4	0.0	34.1	0.0	33.7	0.0	33.4	0.0	33.1	0.0	32.7	0.0	32.4	0.0	32.1	0.0	31.7	0.0	31.4	0.0	31.1	0.0	30.7	0.0	30.4	0.0	30.1	0.0	29.7	0.0	29.4	0.0	29.1	0.0	28.7	0.0	28.4	0.0	28.1	0.0	27.7	0.0	27.4	0.0	27.1	0.0	26.7	0.0	26.4	0.0	26.1	0.0	25.7	0.0	25.4	0.0	25.1	0.0	24.7	0.0	24.4	0.0	24.1	0.0	23.7	0.0	23.4	0.0	23.1	0.0	22.7	0.0	22.4	0.0	22.1	0.0	21.7	0.0	21.4	0.0	21.1	0.0	20.7	0.0	20.4	0.0	20.1	0.0	19.7	0.0	19.4	0.0	19.1	0.0	18.7	0.0	18.4	0.0	18.1	0.0	17.7	0.0	17.4	0.0	17.1	0.0	16.7	0.0	16.4	0.0	16.1	0.0	15.7	0.0	15.4	0.0	15.1	0.0	14.7	0.0	14.4	0.0	14.1	0.0	13.7	0.0	13.4	0.0	13.1	0.0	12.7	0.0	12.4	0.0	12.1	0.0	11.7	0.0	11.4	0.0	11.1	0.0	10.7	0.0	10.4	0.0	10.1	0.0	9.7	0.0	9.4	0.0	9.1	0.0	8.7	0.0	8.4	0.0	8.1	0.0	7.7	0.0	7.4	0.0	7.1	0.0	6.7	0.0	6.4	0.0	6.1	0.0	5.7	0.0	5.4	0.0	5.1	0.0	4.7	0.0	4.4	0.0	4.1	0.0	3.7	0.0	3.4	0.0	3.1	0.0	2.7	0.0	2.4	0.0	2.1	0.0	1.7	0.0	1.4	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0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## FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

## Scot Met Property's £17.5m surplus

A revaluation of properties at Scottish Metropolitan Property reveals a surplus of about £17.5m over the book value as at February 16, 1978. This will be credited to the accounts for the year to August 15.

The revaluation was carried out by Bernard Thorpe & Partners which advised Scottish Metropolitan that its property investment assets were £61.2m. Of this, £57.8m and £3.4m relate respectively to heritable—freehold and leasehold properties.

The values estimated that the total current rental value of the group's property portfolio as at February 16, was in the order of £62.5m a year. The majority of rents in the portfolio will have been reviewed by the early 1980s at the then relevant current values.

Sales of properties have been agreed and settled at a total figure of £280,000 which compares with the aggregate value of £288,000 of these properties at February 16.

Scottish Metropolitan said the principal reason for the sales was the nature of the leases which were for a long-term with adverse rent provisions and, in some instances, the properties were of low-growth potential.

Recently the group has made further purchases of heritable investment properties in Inverness and Dundee.

## Options

Business on the traded options pitch languished at 350 contracts yesterday on one of the quietest days so far. Land Securities was again the most active stock with 114 deals while, by contrast, Marks & Spencer was completely untraded.

Business was also slack on the European Options Exchange in Amsterdam, where turnover this week amounted to only 3,294 contracts.

Conventional options in London had a fairly active session with interest centring on English Property Corporation, UDI and Thomson Organisation, which were produced and British Land and Britannia Arrow where doubles were completed.

## Recent Issues

Company	Price	Yield
British Land	100.00	10.00%
Thomson Organisation	100.00	10.00%
English Property Corporation	100.00	10.00%
UDI	100.00	10.00%
British Land	100.00	10.00%
Thomson Organisation	100.00	10.00%
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## Bank Base Rates

Bank	Rate
ABN Bank	10.00%
Barclays Bank	10.00%
B.C.C. Bank	10.00%
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### Equities retreat

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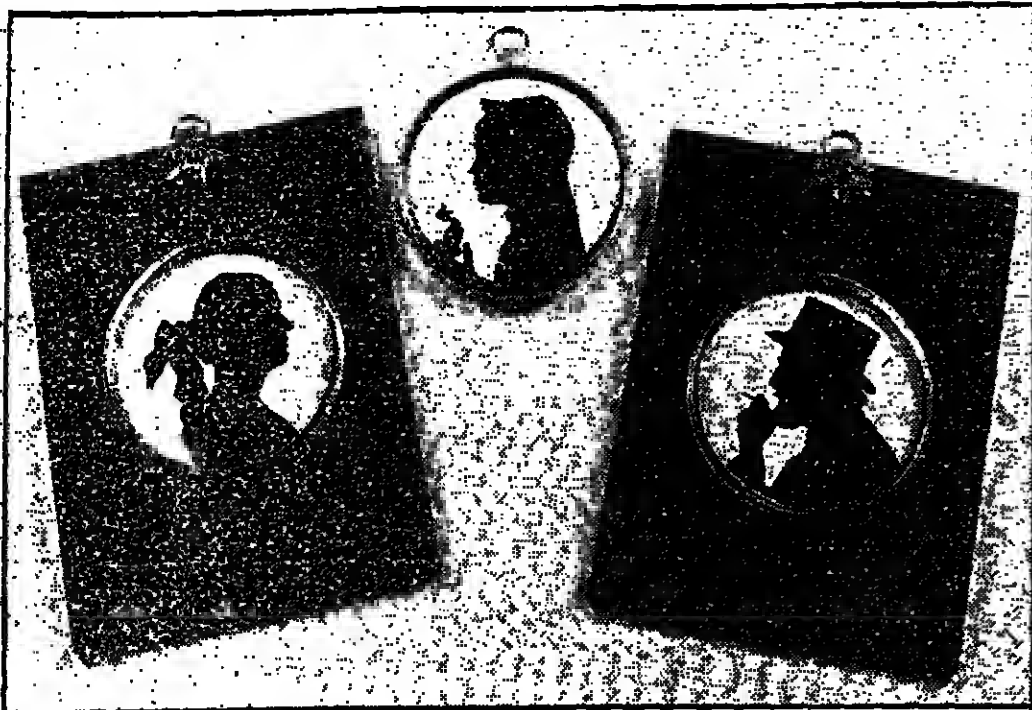
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Weekend

## SHOPAROUND

Sheila Black



My grandfather was a miniature painter and portraitist. A good one who made his living from art and teaching it. He dabbled rather than specialized in silhouettes; but my grandmother loved them because she said while portraits could only have one expression, silhouettes, instantly recognizable could be endowed with all kinds of expressions.

There are still silhouettes artists but, until I actually saw it happen, I had not realized that modern science could be applied to an old art—that photography could reproduce the most perfect silhouettes. I am convinced many photographers have tried it and done it but Jasper Parrington is launching a commercial enterprise. Monday or Selfridges. Make your way to the art department on the first floor and see what I mean. It all seems so simple that I wonder why it hasn't been done before.

He photographs the subject against a brightly-lit screen, on film that develops in 25 seconds. He paints the photo with fixative and trims it to a perfect circle, about 3 inches

in diameter, on a cutter of his own design. Then he sticks the photo onto a self-adhesive circle on a mount, soaps a convex glass with a brass bezel over it and the silhouette is finished, ready to hang as an instant heirloom. The whole process takes about 15 minutes.

The results are charming. In fact, I like the photographic silhouettes because the slight shine of the extra-white paper highlights the black outline so sharply and gives the thing life. He has little props to make scenes of the silhouettes, like a flower, a fan, a bonnet, a toy. No prizes for guessing which of the three shown here is Jasper, in top hat, on his way home from a wedding—it is possible to see the humour of the man and to evoke the mood of the occasion just from that simple outline.

I had not realized that nobody is shy of being photographed in silhouette. I am inordinately camera-shy, as was an elderly lady in Jasper's studio, who became a dainty silhouette. There is thus no excuse for anyone not being done—and what a nice gift it makes. There are four alternatives. A matt-black wood

mount, with the brass acorn motif at the top, is £11.95, all included. An onyx mount (actually a good plastic, and the muted shades of green are rather good with the black and white) is £14.95. The unmounted circle of brass-rimmed glass is £6.95, as is a paperweight.

It was put in me that since silhouettes are not too readily identifiable, the paperweight need not encapsulate the wife but some other loved one. Not only am I sure that none of you would think of such a thing but I also find silhouettes totally identifiable myself. You can just buy the bare mounted silhouettes, but they will not look as good and with me a lot of the work is done. After the work is done exclusively at Selfridges. Silhouettes will travel to other stores and franchise agreements are currently being worked out so that details should be ready soon. For trade inquiries, write to Photo Silhouettes at 87 Canfield Gardens, London, NW6. The telephone number, not as yet connected to an answering service but on the now-slow installation waiting list, is 01-624 7536.



If your dog can read, give him or her a personalized stoneware pottery pet bowl. If he can't give him one anyway because he has to eat out of something and it may make you happy. Names are fired onto the side of the bowl. There are three sizes: the 5-inch diameter is £4.95; the 6-inch £5.95; and the 7-inch £6.95. Allow 21 days for delivery from Anthony Green and Company, Kilburn Place, London NW6 4LZ. Prices include VAT and postage. I can already hear owners of two or more dogs insisting that each knows his own name.

Not everyone can get out and about to pick produce for home freezing and hundreds of thousands of shoppers buy proprietary, ready-frozen packs, burying home before the thaw begins. The thaw need not begin for about eight hours with an insulated bag—of which there is now quite a wide variety. I like the Coolie range, finished in a deoim type of material and easily wiped inside, waterproof, and with a triple layer of insulation. The smallest and cheapest, the Coolie Picnicer, has a rigid construction, a wide, flat base and a shoulder carrying handle. The firm box-like shape means that softer foods, like salmon or other fish, stay uncrushed and, fruit survives whole because it need not be squashed. It holds a good deal of food, enough for most picnics for four people and costs about £5.75.

The Coolie Baby is slightly larger than the Picnicer and has handles that go all round the bag for strength and safety. Equally waterproof, triple-insulated and all, it is just as useful for baby's things, the beach and travel, as for shopping, and costs about £5.99.

Then come the Coolie Lady and the King, illustrated here. On wheels, they are for lugging really large loads without effort. The casters roll smoothly through 360 degrees, making for easy manoeuvres among crowds. Prices are £9.95 and £14.95 and they are as ideal for laundrette loads as for frozen foods. A great help to the elderly, the disabled, the weak or anyone who is forbidden to handle weight. Most Coolies

are at branches of Bejam, Dewhurst, Dalgety and other freezer centres, as well as at many branches of British Home Stores. If you have no local stockist, ask for the nearest from Insulated Containers, The Mill, Mill Lane, Godalming, Surrey (Godalming 28777).

Even when using insulated bags, I would recommend the use of those packs which can be prefrozen to stay cold for hours and to keep cold the contents of the bag in which they are packed. There are various brands at your freezer shop—some of them can be pre-frozen in hot water to keep food warm too. I always pack one with picnic fare, even though the picnic is in an insulated box. Whether the food is salmon or cold sausages, it tastes best really chilled, like the drinks. Remember that cold air falls, so lay the cold packs on top. Ice cubes will keep for hours if packed into polythene bags and kept under freezer or ice packs in insulated containers.

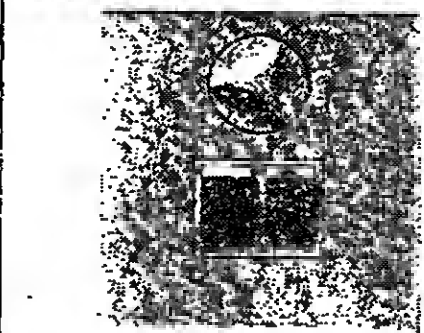
Insulated containers are also distributing an amusing product called Supa Sippa which is rather more useful and sensible than it looks. It is a tube, about 19 inches long, and with a top that seals. From this top, one pulls out a plastic straw with a bend in it: so the drinker can take juice or water from the tube while still holding it upright, then push the straw back and seal the top. Absolutely non-spill, in red, blue or green they are good for football, cricket (whether playing or watching), or for rough sea sailing, and drinking, driving, picnics—or even the golf or shooting bag. Fill them overnight and leave them in the fridge or freezer to ensure cold drinks. No mess, no bottles to leave about, and no spills. About £1.55 each, and coming into stores and shops now.

In Northampton, the Museum of Leathercraft has just opened, apply enough in a place so famous for its boot and shoe collection. In fact, the museum more or less originated some 35 years ago but never had a permanent home until the Borough Council offered the historic Bluecoat School in Bridge Street. There one can study the history of leather and even look at future projects. Some 5,000 different items, together with a good library and fascinating archives, should be enough to satisfy those who have complained that leather has too long been neglected as a study.

In Edinburgh, Truro, London and many other places, the Society of Designer-Craftsmen has exhibitions of the work of well-known glass, jewelry and pottery people plus newer work by the Society's young liceo-

mates. The range of crafts on show is wide and venues include, besides the three mentioned, Bath, Brighton, Alby (near Norwich), Hexham, Leeds, Lichfield, Manchester, Oxford, Southsea and Worthing. Opening and closing dates vary, so telephone 024 343586 for details of times and addresses, or see the July issue of Crafts magazine: most displays run to the end of August.

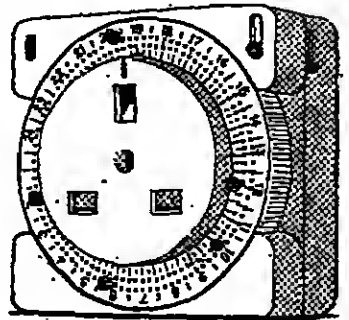
On The Thames at the Embankment Gallery on the Tattersall Castle paddle steamer, moored near Embankment tube



Superswitch, the dimmer and switches firm, has introduced a normal-looking wall switch which is also a partial burglar deterrent. There are two rocker-type switches below a time control. One is a normal on/off switch and the other activates a circuit that puts house-lights on automatically at dusk, for anything from two to ten hours (at present on the rotary control knob).

It can be fixed in place of any existing switch to operate any wall, table or ceiling lighting. In a number of electrical shops in blue hang-packs, the switch carries a year's guarantee, is of tough white plastic and has a loading of 40 to 250 watts on a 220/240 voltage. The recommended resale price is £19.98 including VAT and, if not found locally, a stockist's list is available from Superswitch Electric Appliances, 7 Station Trading Estate, Blackwater, Camberley, Surrey GU17 9AH.

Guardlight is an old hand at the game of automatic switch-on at dusk. I have been using their bulb-socket version, but they now have a more versatile, chic Guardlight. It is a neat little box set into a length of cord which is wired to the connector of any table or standard lamp. It also lights up automatically at dusk and is a highly efficient unit, having passed the strict Norwegian equivalent of the British Standards Institution. Oddly, it falls into no BS category as yet, not being a time-switch or anything so they are about to be given their own standard because it is a good product and well made. It costs £27.10 including VAT, postage, packing and suchlike from Software Resale, 8A Brendon Street, London W1H 5HE. They can send you a descriptive leaflet with order form. Lighting up the house to look alive is a good deterrent and I use, besides Guardlight, time-switches to vary lighting-up times.



My own time-switches have always been Smith's Autotests, but they are rather large and clumsy. Not that I ever thought so until I saw Smith's new Time Controller, which is hardly bigger than an ordinary plug. Tiny

station, is an exhibition of work from the Norfolk Contemporary Crafts Society where you can see an illustrated register of local artists and craftspeople's work as well as the pieces on show. August 18 is the closing date.

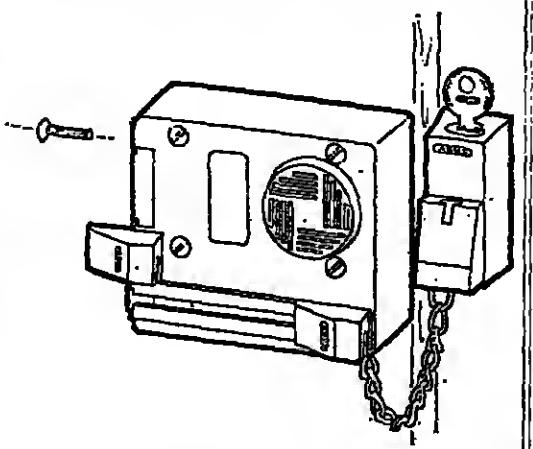
At Eastbourne, see contemporary glass including candy-striped bottles, the ubiquitous Peter Tysoe's strongly British work, the brilliant colours of Karin Rushbrooke and the marbled colourings of antique glass on Philip Bradbury's leaded plant containers and terrariums, redecorated Victorian conservatories. Eo-gravures, diamond stipples and experts in various glass crafts are represented until August 26 at The Ogilby Gallery, 11A Gildredge Road, Eastbourne (0323 31916).

By Regent's Park, revel in colour in co-ordinated pots, blinds and cushions by a couple of young ladies who work at the Barbican Arts Centre and who have an oriental theme or two amid their displays—such as a Japanese group together

with a hand-painted silk screen and a Persian group of pots and things. Until August 19.

In London and Greater London, let the children roam on a tour which will help spastic children less fortunate than they. At the Hamleys stores in Regent Street and Wigmore Street, buy Summer Fun, a 40p book from which all profits go to spastics. The book gives small discounts to various places like The London Dungeon by London Bridge, Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge in Epping Forest, Chessington Zoo, Wimbledon Stadium (for speedway or car racing), Westminster Abbey, London Experience and so forth. There are also lists of many museums to which entrance is free and London Transport's rover tickets will take care of cheap fares—even as far as Epping Forest. The book, buyer goes to as many places as possible and gets his book stamped or sticks an entrance ticket—anything that proves he or she went there. Finally, they write a brief account of their

pins are pushed in to preset times. I find them invaluable for electric heaters but, if you have the open, radiant kind that could set anything on fire, be careful never to leave inflammables near them. I wake up to warmth, go home to warmth, and run my dishwasher and washing machine at night to take advantage of off-peak, white meter electricity rates; all with the help of time-switches. Time Controller is about £12.90 at electrical shops and department stores. Smiths Industries is at Waterloo Road, Cricklewood, London NW2 7UR.



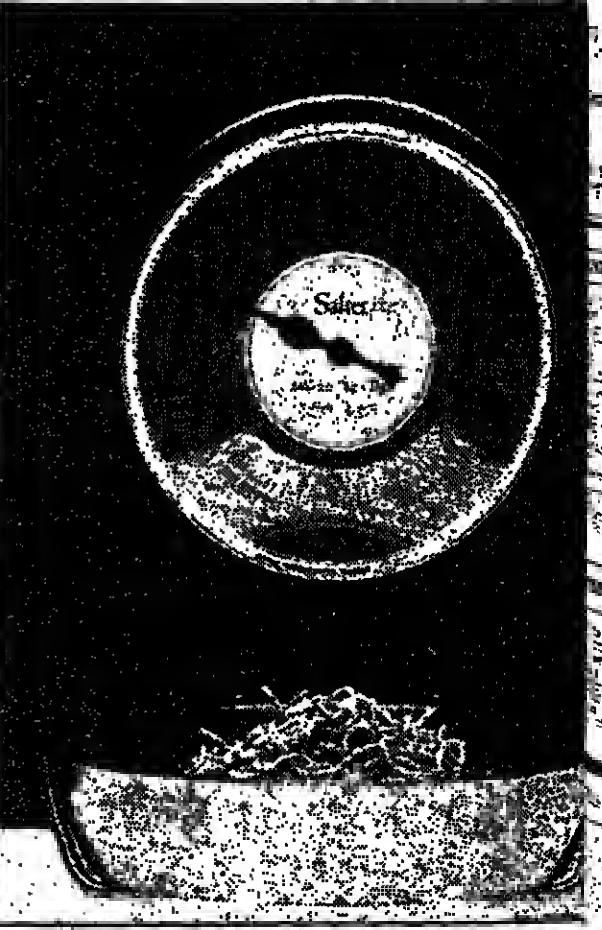
Not all invaders steal in by night. Many a burglary, vandalism or personal attack is in broad daylight. I often wonder, when reading of how intruders have forced their way past householders, why everyone does not have a chain on the door, or a peephole and chain. I have two chains and use them even when I see, through the glass, young girls with religious tracts. Single-entrance premises, such as flats and terraced houses, would do well to combine the chain with a screaming burglar alarm. The Abus combines a locking door chain with just such an alarm and is a costlier, stronger, better version of some that are already on the market. The chain can be released only with a key, and the company supplies blanks for these keys by post because they feel it unsafe to post usable keys. Two are provided with the lock itself.

The two batteries (1.5 volt leakproof) should be checked twice a year though they may last longer—the duration depends on how often they might be used. The unit itself is guaranteed for life: it is made of case-hardened steel with an alloy-bronze finish. The chain is just long enough for the householder to get his hand through to operate the key in the lock and release the chain without sounding the alarm. But, if there is strong pressure on the chain, or someone tries to saw through it, the deafening screech begins. It costs £14 plus 85p, by mail only from Stratos Imports, 66/68 Hertford Road, London N1 5AE. Leaflets are available.

Really valuable possessions might be more easily traced if they can be identified, and a photo-inventory is well worthwhile. Do, by the way, keep a written inventory at all times. Photo-inventories can be costly but Security Research, a sister of the Guardlight company, charges on an attendance basis. The cost per day is from £10 to £50, plus a charge of £2 to £2.75 for each negative and print. The minimum fee is £55, which would include a lot of photographs. Security Research is at 8a Brendon Street, London W1H 5HE.

The Guild of Master Craftsmen is capably run by Neil Margerison, who believes passionately in protecting craftsmen and women from exploitation and from having their work degraded by poor imitations. The aim of the guild is also to ensure that skill goes to the proper rewards, provided it reaches the highest standards. The guild has an index of master craftsmen, categorized geographically, and has been able to marry customers searching for originality or speciality to the right craftsman so often that many members have found themselves able to live on what they love doing rather than making the choice between compromise and starvation. The guild has also taken up the cudgels on behalf of craftsmen who do not get paid promptly or properly with some success and has provided much marketing knowledge and help. It also gives practical help on tax, pensions, loans, insurance and the other things that so many craftsmen hate worrying about. For many members, the annual £25 fee (plus £7 for registration) has been a sound investment, while students or apprentices find their £10 worth well spent. So, to shoppers looking for the handmade, the extraordinary, the unheard-of, the beautiful, I suggest you contact with the guild's executive office at 40, Street, London W1X 3 craftsman, let me pass reminder that the time is over for this year's special scheme, the Guild's Thatchcraft craft award. Winner and runner get £750 and £250, respectively by the guild and Newson, and will offer visits to their studios with the chance of a photograph. The Guild's School of English and French has offered three courses to Thailand's British Airways, the Travel Association, the British Chamber of Commerce and others will all be travel and promotion. The judging is in November; get the entries in fast, photographs with descriptions and/or Chinese exhibits and the will be on show at the Albert Museum, December and January, add that the guild's members are not only makers of wheels or clocks but expert roofers, kitchen designers of antiques, weapons

Salter is the company which made those Weighmix kitchen scales, with a mixing bowl to which you add ingredients as you go, resetting the scale each time. They are now reproducing an antique wall-hanging scale, in chocolate brown with a solid pan. Very stylish, very accurate, of course, and with movable pan for cleaning. It folds gleaming against the wall and costs about £16. Coming into shops and stores now, it is made for and distributed by Salter Housewares, 211 Vale Road, Tonbridge, Kent TS15 1SU.

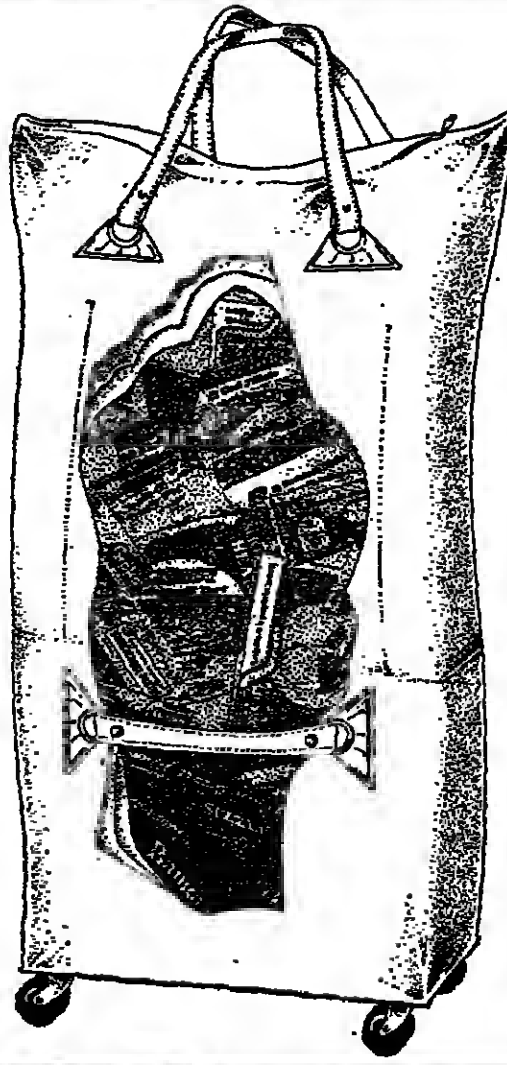


I recommend the July issue of Home and Freer magazine because it had a long list of addresses of farms and nurseries where you can pick your own fresh produce. The publisher has now issued a book of such places, overlapping to some extent with the magazine's list but longer and in greater detail. For instance, the book tells you exactly what crops can be picked and when. Mark you, the growers estimated ripening times during the spring and the weather may since have played havoc with their expectations—it might be best to phone to check the details. The book gives directions for finding the places and some advice on freezing your harvests. An excellent idea this, covering 54 counties and some 350 growers all over Britain; very good value, too, at 60p (including postage) for 128 pages of useful data. At most newsagents or by mail from Home and Freer Digest, Dept PYO, 106 Hammersmith Grove, London W6 7HB.

When freezing in bulk, try the free flow trays which commercial freezing firms use. The produce is frozen on open trays, separately, so that each fruit stays separate instead of becoming one solid block. Easily the best method for preventing mushiness in softer fruits—and though space in the freezer is necessary for the initial freezing, the separated fruits pack neatly into bags and, eventually, take up less space. Sold by mail in sets of four trays (to fit all freezers) by those makers of racks and baskets for freezers, Hamster Baskets. The set costs £4.98 including postage, and they will take telephone orders with credit card

numbers on Trumpet 209 (the code in 053 183 but it does seem a bit odd to use numbers instead of like that). Hamster Baskets will also a free colour brochure on their storage units. The address is Much Lethbury, Herefordshire HR8 2PD.

Unless you have a handy Bejam or freezer shop, you will be glad to know Lakeland Plastics, whose enormous of bags, foils, boxes—and anything might need for the freezer—is good for money and whose mail order is efficient and speedy. More recently, Lakeland has begun what it calls Microware, or cook that take food from freezer to microwave oven for defrosting or cooking. One many benefits of the microwave is that it obviates the need to take out packs long in advance—to thaw for that may never be eaten, if plans And, since prising frozen food from pack at short notice is often impossible almost always infuriating, the pack in to freeze and cook is essential. It also washing up. Lakeland Plastics is Alexandra Buildings, Station P, Windermere, and the catalogue is free. I have no shame about recommending a few words again about Easy Riders, strong, steel "platforms" for chest fridges, solid, safe brakes and need no tools to fit—just strong help to lift the appliance and guide it onto the Easy Riders. Then easily clean all round the appliance. About £4.65 (including VAT); details stockists from Braby Group, Ashford Works, Bristol BS3 2LQ.





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